

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation, Councillor Lynne Stagg, at her meeting held on Thursday, 24 February 2022 at 4pm in Council Chamber - The Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillor Lynne Stagg
Councillor Simon Boshier
Councillor Graham Heaney

6. Apologies (AI 1)

No apologies had been received.

7. Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)

No interests were declared.

8. Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan 2020-2030 (AI 3)

Andrew DiMarco, Principle Active Transport Officer introduced the report and in response to questions, he and Pam Turton Assistant Director for Regeneration clarified the following points:

The document is a flexible plan ten-year strategy that is looking at a range of routes that have been identified and audited. The city centre was removed from the auditing process because the future direction of what it would like at the time of auditing was uncertain. The document sets out the latest guidance that will be used for future proposals.

The Safer Travel Team has input into the schemes' designs. The government sets the standard for cycling designs, and we should be held accountable to that.

The city centre is still at a high level and as the plans become more granular, the council will have more of a role to play regarding how the links can be joined up.

Funding for the short-term projects has not been identified.

The proposal for raising the roadway at junctions in Manchester was given approval by the Department for Transport to be trialled.

The audit of the walking routes involved looking at the type of paving and assessing the way in which the junctions were used. Raising the footway would create a level surface meaning that there would be no dropdown and no pick back up for a wheelchair. The public can use the Route4U app to search for the most accessible route for their journey. The app considers many factors when mapping a safe route including the gradient and kerb height. This service is also available through the website.

Actions

The maps in this document can be published on the website.

Details of whether the scheme has been extended to other parts of the country will be sent to Councillors.

Councillor Stagg noted that to obtain the funding outline plans must be in place.

DECISIONS

The Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation:

1. **Noted the results of the consultation held between September 2020 and November 2020.**
 2. **Approved the Portsmouth LCWIP that has been developed in response to the consultation findings as the 'Portsmouth Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan and Summary Document' and recognised that this document will form the basis of the city's Active Travel development strategy during the lifetime of the LTP4 policy.**
9. **TRO 152B/2021: Various Roads - Disabled Parking Places and Amendments (AI 4)**
Kevin McKee, Parking Operations Manager introduced the report.

Councillors noted that if a resident is entitled to a blue badge, they can have a disabled parking bay.

DECISIONS

The Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation agreed that:

In relation to the proposals promoted under TRO 152B/2021:

1. **The Disabled Persons' Parking Bay in Alhambra Road (outside No 22) is implemented.**
 2. **It is noted that the remainder of TRO 152/2021 is coming into operation under TRO 152A/2021 on 21 February 2022, due to no objections being received to those proposals. Therefore, any proposal approved following this report will be brought into operation under TRO 152B/2021.**
 3. **It is also noted that the Disabled Bay in Glenthorne Road is no longer required and has been removed from the TRO.**
10. **Concessionary Fares Scheme Reimbursement to Bus Operators 2022/23 (AI 5)**
Felicity Tidbury, Transport Planning Manager introduced the report

Simon Bell Principal Public Transport Officer explained that the usage shown is for concessionary fares only. This is currently at 60-65% of pre-covid levels.

The number of journeys is based on bus users presenting a smart card on the reader. As the type of fare is not known, an average fare is used to calculate it based on the different types of fares people buy.

Councillor Stagg agreed to keep the Opposition Spokespersons in the loop with progress on this.

DECISIONS

The Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation:

- 1. Noted the contents of this report.**
- 2. In line with Department for Transport (DfT) guidance, provide reimbursement to bus operators from 1 April 2022 in line with the table in 4.3 until the percentage in the table equals the actual level of concessionary journeys and then reimburse on the basis of actual journeys taken;**
- 3. In line with DfT guidance where operators are currently running less than 90% of pre COVID mileage, as in Portsmouth, keep reimbursement unchanged until the percentage in the table at 4.3 equals the actual mileage operated;**
- 4. Delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration working collaboratively with the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation and the S151 Officer, to make any necessary changes within the allocated budget.**
- 5. The Opposition Spokespersons will be kept informed.**

Councillor Lynne Stagg
Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation