

NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT

TUESDAY, 30 JANUARY 2024 AT 2.30 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER - THE GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH

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Councillor Graham Heaney

Councillor Brian Madgwick

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declarations of Interest
- 3 Portsmouth Micromobility Operations (Pages 7 - 46)

Purpose of Report

This report provides an update on the operation of the existing rental e-scooter trial and recommendation for continued participation in the extended trials as announced by the Department for Transport (DfT). It also recommends moving to a sole operator model for shared micromobility (rental e-scooters, bicycles and electric bicycles) in Portsmouth and sets out the process for achieving this.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Transport:

- 1. Approves the renewal of the Vehicle Special Order (VSO) for Portsmouth's rental e-scooter trial until 31 May 2026, in accordance with the DfT's new end date for its national trials;**
- 2. Approves the extension of Voi's contract to operate the rental e-scooter scheme by one month, from its current expiration date of 31 May 2024 to 30 June 2024, to align its end date with that of Beryl's current operating contract for bike share;**
- 3. Approves Portsmouth City Council leading a Solent Transport procurement to select a sole micromobility operator for all existing Solent schemes from summer 2024 onwards;**
- 4. Delegates authority to the Assistant Director of Economy, Planning and Transport to continue to implement the rental e-scooter trial within the parameters established by the VSO and DfT until 31 May 2026, and, in consultation with the Assistant Director for Procurement, for Portsmouth City Council to award and enter into an operating contract with the highest scoring tenderer identified through Solent Transport's procurement.**

4 TRO 26B/2023 - Various Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Pages 47 - 62)

Purpose of Report

To consider the public response to the proposed parking and waiting restrictions in several locations in Portsmouth.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended to the Cabinet Member for Transport that:

- 1. The proposed No Waiting At Any Time restriction in Sennen Place adjacent to No.36 is approved;**
- 2. The proposed removal of the Permit Holders only 4:30 - 6:30pm bay outside No.8 Pepys Close to facilitate off road parking facility is approved;**

3. It is noted that the remainder of TRO 26/2023 is being brought into operation under TRO 26A/2023 and is in the process of being implemented. Any proposals approved following this report will be brought into operation under TRO 26B/2023.

5 Private Hire Vehicles (PHVs) in Bus Lanes Trial - Experimental Traffic Order (ETRO) 184/2022 (Pages 63 - 92)

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the trial permitting private hire vehicles (PHVs) to utilise five bus lanes, which was approved at the meeting of the Traffic & Transportation Cabinet Member on 5 July 2022 and subsequently implemented on 14 November 2022, and to recommend next steps for the trial.

The report details the current status of this trial and the data collected, and it covers recommendations for the future of PHVs in Portsmouth's bus lanes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Transport;

- 1. Approves making permanent the provisions of Portsmouth City Council (Various Roads)(Bus Gates and Bus Lanes)(No.184) Experimental Traffic Regulation Order 2022 permitting Portsmouth City Council licensed PHVs to continue to utilise the five bus lanes that were included in the trial, as specified in section 3 of this report;**
- 2. Approves commissioning independent Road Safety Audits to assess the implications of Portsmouth City Council licensed PHVs being permitted to utilise a further 22 bus lanes, as specified in section 8 of this report, and to determine the necessary mitigation measures and implementation costs;**
- 3. Approves the ongoing monitoring of road safety and air quality data for the five bus lanes that were included in the trial to help inform any future plans to permit Portsmouth City Council licensed PHVs to utilise more bus lanes.**

6 TRO 115/2023: Proposed One-way, Beverston Road (Pages 93 - 112)

Purpose of Report

To consider the implementation of the proposed one-way street within Beverston Road, Paulsgrove as outlined in appendix A of this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Transport approves the implementation of TRO 115/2023.

7 Concessionary Fares Scheme Reimbursement to Bus Operators (Pages 113 - 128)

Purpose of Report

This report provides updated recommendations for concessionary bus passes reimbursement to bus operators in 2024/25 in accordance with the new guidance issued by the Department for Transport (DfT) on 30 November 2023.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Transport:

- 1. Notes the contents of this report;**
- 2. Approves that the bus operator reimbursement rate to continue using actual journeys made with a concessionary pass from 1 April 2024 using the revised guidance from the Department for Transport (DfT);**
- 3. The Council will use Medium Urban Discount Fare Factor to reimburse bus operators;**
- 4. Approves that any unallocated concessionary travel budget be used to meet the cost for supporting non-commercial bus services during 2024/25 following DfT guidance;**
- 5. Approves making the free travel to hospital appointments permanent noting the results of the trial;**
- 6. Delegates authority to the Cabinet Member for Transport in conjunction with the Assistant Director for Economy, Planning and Transport and the S151 Officer, to make any necessary changes within the allocated budget.**

8 TRO 298/2023 - Old Portsmouth Crossing and Waiting Restrictions (Pages 129 - 160)

Purpose of Report

To consider the objections to the Traffic Regulation Order 298/2023, Old Portsmouth Waiting Restrictions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Transport:

- 1. Considers the objections to the Traffic Regulation Order for the Portsmouth City Council (Old Portsmouth Waiting Restrictions)(No.298) Traffic Regulation Order 2023 and Public Notices: Proposed Road Hump, High Street Old Portsmouth and Broad Street bus stop removal;**

- 2. Approves that the provisions of the Portsmouth City Council (Old Portsmouth Waiting Restrictions)(No.298) Traffic Regulation Order 2023 be made.**
- 3. Approves the Public Notices: Proposed Road Hump, High Street, Old Portsmouth and Broad Street bus stop removal;**
- 4. Notes that the proposed Peacock Lane raised table is under investigation due to drainage requirements and that this information will be brought to a future Transport decision meeting if a verbal update is not available on the 30th January 2024.**

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