

AGENDA ITEM 16 (d) - Sustainable Travel in Portsmouth

Amendment:

Paragraph 6 delete " We welcome the initial proposals put forward for funding from the Emergency Active Travel Scheme as a useful start including " and replace with

"This Council welcomes the announcement by Transport Secretary Grant Shapps of the Government's £250 million active travel fund which is the first stage of a £2billion commitment to transform cycling and walking and we welcome the initial proposals put forward as part of the first tranche. These include"

Proposed by (Name) Councillor Simon Boshier

Seconded by (Name) Councillor Neill Young

Motion to therefore read:

The city urgently needs a more sustainable transport system to meet both its carbon reduction and air quality targets. Road transport is now the largest source of emissions locally and air quality is still harmful in many areas of the city.

In March 2019 The City Council unanimously declared a Climate Emergency and committed to net zero carbon emissions by 2030.

During the Coronavirus Pandemic we have seen significant increases in walking and cycling in the city. The requirement for social distancing to continue, especially on public transport, will require giving greater priority for cycling and walking on our streets.

Recently Lord Deben, Chair of the Committee on Climate Change said

“We have to do this as rapidly as possible. What we do not want is lots of good-hearted statements about beginning policies- what we need to do is seize the opportunity”.

This Council welcomes the announcement by Transport Secretary Grant Shapps of the Government’s £250 million active travel fund which is the first stage of a £2billion commitment to transform cycling and walking and we welcome the initial proposals put forward as part of the first tranche. These include the seafront road closures, Charlotte Street, Isambard Brunel Road and Guildhall Walk, the Eastern Parade temporary Toucan Crossings, pop-up segregated cycle lanes in Ordnance Row and Elm Grove, Changing Landguard Road/Reginald Road/Maxwell Road/Tredegar Road - into one way streets with contraflow cycling, and filtered permeability (Stopping cars using it as a through route) in Castle Road and Canal Walk. However we will need to be more ambitious to build back a better future with a truly sustainable transport system for our city.

The Pompey Street Space Campaign has got significant support across the city from groups and individuals and has recently been asking for the council to do more. We support the Pompey Street Space Campaign and their three requests and call on the Cabinet to consider agreeing them. They are;

- To widen narrow pavements in busy streets so that people can keep the appropriate distance whilst walking and queuing,
- To create a joined up network of roads throughout the city that give priority to cyclists and pedestrians.
- To create commuter cycle routes that enable residents, from all areas of the city, to travel to work quickly and safely by bike

We also call on the Cabinet to consider agreeing ;

That all bids for funding relating to city development should include measures that prioritise walking and cycling.

That proposals for the second tranche of funding for the Emergency Active Travel Scheme should support the three requests of the Pompey Street Space Campaign.