

# **TRANSPORT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD**

21 December 2009

The meeting commenced at 9.00 a.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

**Present:**

Councillor Peter Jackson (Transport and Neighbourhoods Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Dave Stubbs, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods  
Denise Ogden, Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services  
Alastair Smith, Assistant Director (Transport & Engineering  
Services)  
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

## **42. Public Convenience Policy – Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Services)**

### **Type of Decision**

Key.

### **Purpose of Report**

To consider the proposed and newly developed policy for the future provision of public conveniences in Hartlepool which was attached to the report as Appendix A.

### **Issues for Consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Services) reminded the Portfolio Holder of the Scrutiny Investigation into Public Conveniences and its recommendations. The report provided a description of the current public convenience service and commented on the recent refurbishment programme which included CCTV provision to be funded from the Central Joint Action Group and Community Safety Section 17 funds. It also outlined the introduction of a Community Toilet Scheme working in partnership with the private sector.

The policy had been discussed at the three Neighbourhood Consultative Forums where a concern had been raised regarding the provision of unisex toilets.

The Portfolio Holder was pleased with the level of provision of public conveniences despite limited funding and thanked Officers for their

efforts.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder noted the views of the Neighbourhood Consultative Forums regarding the Public Convenience policy.

The Portfolio Holder adopted the Public Convenience Policy from immediate effect.

## **43. Burbank Street Zebra Crossing – Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)**

### **Type of Decision**

Non key

### **Purpose of Report**

To seek approval for the provision of a zebra crossing in Burbank Street.

### **Issues for Consideration**

The report outlined the proposal to provide a new play area within the Community Garden on Burbank Street which would potentially attract a large number of children from the surrounding area, therefore necessitating a zebra crossing to ensure their safety. A consultation had taken place with residents and ward councillors, the police and emergency services. The proposed crossing would involve the relocation of a bus stop. The scheme would be funded by £8,000 from the Central Neighbourhood Consultative Forum, £5,000 from the Council's Local Transport Plan and £2,000 from Housing Hartlepool.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder approved the implementation of a zebra crossing

## **44. Catcote Road/Oxford Road – Local Safety Scheme – Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)**

### **Type of Decision**

Non key.

### **Purpose of Report**

To seek approval to introduce traffic signals at the Catcote Road/Oxford Road junction extend the parking bay outside Catcote

Road shops and introduce central hatching in-filled with red surfacing.

### **Issues for Consideration**

The report detailed the background to the local safety scheme and detailed a number of accidents in the vicinity. It was proposed to introduce traffic signals along with some local road widening and the extension of a parking bay outside Catcote Road shops. The scheme would cost an estimated £553,000 to be funded with a contribution from the Local Safety scheme budget of ££53,000 and through the Tees Valley bus network improvement major scheme bid of £500,000. Consultation had taken place with residents, businesses and Ward Councillors as well as the police and emergency services. One resident had expressed concern that the scheme would increase traffic queues and cause difficulty in exiting their driveway. The Portfolio Holder asked that this be investigated in conjunction with the proposed parking investigation.

The Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods added that once these scheme was completed work would begin on the resurfacing of that area of Catcote Road as promised after the Scrutiny Investigation into Highways.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder approved the implementation of the scheme as detailed in the report.

## **45. Minor Works Proposals – Neighbourhood Consultative Forums – Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Services)**

### **Type of Decision**

Non key.

### **Purpose of Report**

To consider recommendations of the Neighbourhood Consultative Forums in respect of Minor Works.

### **Issues for Consideration**

The report detailed the schemes put forward for consideration.

#### North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum

Ridlington Way – Parking Scheme - £8,400

Central Neighbourhood Consultative Forum

Ellison Street – shrub bed removal - £3,200  
Colwyn Road – shrub bed removal - £3,600  
Westbrooke Grove – resurfacing - £3,877.80  
Topcliffe Street – electric substation improvements - £435  
Staindrop Street – alleyway closure - £3,500  
Mill House Leisure Centre – removal of shrubbery - £1,410.15  
Galsworthy Road – removal of grass verge - £1,450  
Masefield Road – removal of grass verge - £5,000  
Macauley Road – removal of grass verge - £1,250  
Shelley Grove – removal of grass verge - £3,500  
Macauley Road – removal of grass verge - £2,500  
Arnold Grove/Walpole Road – bollards - £600  
Keilder Road – removal of grass verge - £1,000  
Springston Road – landscaping - £2,030  
Hart Chare Wall – make safe - £1,210

South Neighbourhood Central Forum

Saltaire Terrace – verge reinstatement/extension of parking area - £6,200  
Thetford Road – horticulture scheme - £153  
Lincoln Road – horticulture scheme - £153  
Newark Road – horticulture scheme - £350  
Pickering Grove – lighting scheme - £1,600

**Decision**

The Portfolio Holder agreed the recommendations of the Neighbourhood Consultative Forums in respect of Minor Works proposals.

**46. Proposed Off Street Parking Area – Rear of 158 – 160 York Road – Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)**

**Type of Decision**

Non key

**Purpose of Report**

To consider including an area of land to the rear of 158 – 160 York Road under an off street parking order.

**Issues for Consideration**

The report outlined the background relating to the area of unregulated

land behind 158 -160 York Road which was under the ownership of Hartlepool Borough Council. It was proposed to create a number of marked parking bays which would be restricted to permit holders only. Consultation had taken place with representatives of the traders of The Arches.

The Portfolio Holder asked for clarification on the number of spaces to be provided. He pointed out that the annual charge for any business spaces can be paid monthly if so desired.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder approved a permit controlled parking scheme be introduced to the rear of 158 – 160 York Road as part of the off street parking order, and that permit spaces be allocated at the cost of the current annual charge.

## **47. Proposed Relocation of Loading Bay Milton Road to Tankerville Street – Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)**

### **Type of Decision**

Non key.

### **Purpose of Report**

To consider moving an existing loading bay from Milton Road to Tankerville Street and to consider including additional no loading restrictions on the junction of Milton Road/Tankerville Street

### **Issues for Consideration**

The report outlined the background and benefits of relocating the lading bay restriction whilst considering further road safety improvement measures by preventing parking at the road junction. Consultation had taken place with the Grange Road Centre and the local residents group and comments had been received from the Lynnfield Area Residents Group.

It was proposed to impose a no loading restriction on the Milton Road/Tankerville Street junction to prevent any parking and ensure the junction remained clear. It was also proposed to relocate the temporary loading bay from its current position to the front of The Grange Road Centre on Tankerville Street. The cost of these would be met by the parking services operational budget.

The Portfolio Holder queried whether the new bay was larger than the previous one and said that he hoped that no parking bays would be

lost if this was the case.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder approved the relocation of the designated loading bay from Milton Road into Tankerville Street and that a prohibition of loading restriction be added to the Milton Road/Tankerville Junction as show on appendix 1 to the report.

## **48. Raby Road – Local Safety Scheme – Assistant Director (Transport and Engineering)**

### **Type of Decision**

Non key.

### **Purpose of Report**

To seek approval to introduce anti skid surfacing and carriageway hatching with red surfacing on the section of Raby Road between Chatham Road and Hart Lane.

### **Issues for Consideration**

The section of Raby Road between Chatham Road and Hart Lane had been identified as a priority for the local safety scheme funding and it was proposed to introduce anti-skid surfacing and central hatching as outlined in the report at a cost of £40,000. Residents, businesses and Ward Councillors had been consulted as well as the police and emergency services.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder approved the implementation of the scheme as detailed in section 3 of the report.

## **49. Oxford Road Traffic Calming Scheme – Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)**

### **Type of Decision**

Non key.

### **Purpose of Report**

To consider a petition from residents of the Oxford Street area requesting traffic calming measures.

### **Issues for Consideration**

A petition had been received from residents of Oxford Street requesting traffic calming measures raising concerns over the speed of traffic on the road and requesting the introduction of traffic calming measures.

Potential safety schemes are prioritised primarily on the basis of the number of accidents and the level of speeding recorded and then were implemented from the top of the list as far as available funding would allow.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder approved that in view of the accident record and speed survey data, Oxford Road would be inserted into the safety scheme table at position 18.

## **50. Increasing Reuse of Bulky Waste in Hartlepool – *Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Services***

### **Type of Decision**

Non key.

### **Purpose of Report**

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the findings of the Waste Resources Action Programme (WRAP) into increasing reuse of bulky waste in Hartlepool.

### **Issues for Consideration**

The report provided a description of the current bulky household waste and household waste recycling centre services. The current Strategy demonstrated a commitment to explore the opportunities of working with the voluntary sector to reuse and recycle unwanted furniture and white goods and to provide these goods to low income families, as well as identifying ways for the Tees Valley Authorities to increase their reuse, recycling and waste minimisation. Opportunities for the re-use of bric-a-brac and bulky household items and the potential for the voluntary sector to be involved in this would be explored. A tendering exercise would need to take place with interested voluntary agencies. Residents were currently able to have up to eight items collected free of charge or book two collections if there were more items.

The introduction of a reuse scheme of bulky household items could enable the Council to increase the Authority's recycling rate by 1.44%. The report also described opportunities for the council to consider

regarding the future provision of these services and explained how these services were provided from other authorities.

The Portfolio Holder supported the report and the involvement of the voluntary sector. He asked for statistics in relation to what proportion of bulky waste was reused or recycled and suggested that the town be split up into areas with specific collection days in an attempt to reduce the length of time residents had to, on occasion, wait for the materials to be collected during peak times. The Assistant Director referred to the Service Delivery Option review currently underway in Waste Management and asked for any changes to the bulky waste service to be incorporated into the outcome of the SDO review and suggested that the content of this report be taken to Cabinet for discussion.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder noted that the report would be considered as part of the Business Transformation Service Delivery Option review on waste management.

## **51. Parking Services Annual Report 2008-2009 – Assistant Director (Transport and Engineering)**

### **Type of Decision**

Non key.

### **Purpose of Report**

To advise and report on the performance of the Parking Services team for the period 31 March 2008 to 31 March 2009.

### **Issues for Consideration**

The report outlined the background, areas of enforcement jurisdiction, current staffing structures and service provision whilst providing a statistical analysis of the performance of the service.

The Portfolio Holder acknowledged the work of the Parking Services Department especially as the increased amount of resident parking zones had increased the areas to be covered by the staff.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder noted the parking services annual report and agreed the publication of this.

The meeting concluded at 9.45 am.

**PETER DEVLIN**  
**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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