

TRANSPORT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD

18 January 2010

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

Present:

Councillor Peter Jackson (Transport and Neighbourhoods Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Alastair Smith, Assistant Director (Transport and Engineering Services)
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

52. Mountbatten Close area – 20mph speed limit and traffic calming – *Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)*

Type of Decision

Non key

Purpose of Report

To seek approval to introduce traffic calming on Hindpool Close and a 20mph speed limit on Mountbatten Close and its adjoining streets.

Issues for Consideration

Following a complaint regarding speeding traffic on Hindpool Close it was proposed to implement traffic calming, consisting of 2 full width road humps on Hindpool Close and a 20mph zone on Mountbatten Close and adjoining streets. Government policy encourages local authorities to use the powers they possess to implement 20mph zones and speed limits in residential areas to contribute to a reduction in road casualties. Several 20mph zones had already been implemented in Hartlepool. The scheme would be funded through the Central Area Neighbourhood Action Plan and the Local Transport Plan at a total cost of £4,500. There had been no objections to the scheme.

The Portfolio Holder was quite happy to approve the scheme, feeling it would be good for the area given its enclosed nature.

Decision

That the implementation of the scheme as detailed in Section 3 of the report be approved.

53. Residents Only Parking Controls – Leyburn Street and Penrhyn Street – Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)

Type of Decision

Non key.

Purpose of Report

To consider the views of residents of Leyburn Street and Penrhyn Street in relation to the proposed continued participation in the resident permit controlled parking scheme.

Issues for Consideration

Leyburn and Penrhyn Streets are currently included within zone 1 of the Hartlepool resident controlled parking zone. Current parking restrictions operate Monday-Saturday 8am-6pm but residents have expressed concern that much of the demand for parking spaces occurs during the evening. Alston Street residents had previously opted to be removed from the scheme and following a number of concerns from residents consultation had been carried out to determine whether Leyburn Street and Penrhyn Street wished to remain in the scheme. Residents were given detailed information on the scheme, including hours of enforcement and cost per permit. As both location fell within the discounted town centre area the cost would be £5 for the year. There had been a low response rate to the consultation (40% Leyburn Street, 38% Penrhyn Street) however of those responses received 62% of Leyburn Street residents wished to have the restrictions removed while 55% of Penrhyn Street residents wished to retain them. Details were given of the financial and legal considerations of any amendments.

The Portfolio Holder expressed concerns at the low response rate and close results. He asked that officers carry out further consultation, writing to those properties which had not responded previously and, if necessary, speaking to people personally. He would reconsider the matter at his next Portfolio meeting. The Assistant Director confirmed that this would give officers sufficient time to implement any decisions from 1st April 2010.

Decision

That this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Transport and Neighbourhoods Portfolio pending further consultation with residents.

54. Town Centre Communities Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP), Draft for Consultation – Assistant Director (Housing and Regeneration)

Type of Decision

Non-key

Purpose of Report

To seek agreement to consult on the first draft of the Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) for the Town Centre Communities area and to note the proposed eight week consultation period from mid February 2010.

Issues for Consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report described the background to Neighbourhood Action Plans with a specific focus on the Town Centre Communities NAP covering the former New Deal for Communities area plus a small part of the Burn Valley ward. It outlined the current position with regard to the consultation process, from an initial door to door household survey in the Burn Valley area to consultation with residents, ward councillors and other interested parties. Subject to agreement of the draft by the Town Centre Communities Forum, Hartlepool Partnership and Portfolio Holder further consultation sessions would be undertaken. Details of implementation and financial implications were also given.

The Portfolio Holder praised the work which had gone into the NAP, particularly the consultation methods. He also commended the team on the new format of the document which was easy to read and access information from.

Decision

That the first draft of the Town Centre Communities NAP be agreed as a consultation document and that the proposed consultation arrangements be noted.

The meeting concluded at 9:15am

PETER DEVLIN

CHIEF SOLICITOR

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