

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

DECISION RECORD

20th June 2006

Present:

Councillor Victor Tumilty (Culture, Leisure and Transportation Portfolio Holder)

Officers: John Mennear, Assistant Director, Community Services
Mike Blair, Acting Transportation and Traffic Manager
Steve Hilton, Assistant Public Relations Officer
Pat Watson, Democratic Services Officer

Councillor Lilley was also in attendance and was allowed to speak on items 1 and 2 below.

The following members of public were also in attendance:

Mr Dobbie

Mrs Dobbie

Mr Mathews

Mrs Mathews

Mr Scott – was allowed to speak on item 11 below

Ms Walker – was allowed to speak on item 4 below

Mr Harriman – was allowed to speak on item 4 below

1. Request for the Closure of the Footpath Between 14-16 Aldeburgh Close to the Black Path - (*Head of Technical Services*)

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To advise on the result of a consultation exercise with residents in respect of the possible closure of the above footpath.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report advised the Portfolio Holder that a request had been made by the Ward Councillor for the area, on behalf of the residents, for the closure of the above footpath identified in a plan attached as appendix 1 to the report. The report contained details of the consultation exercise undertaken and comments received in support and in opposition to the closure.

Two options were outlined – (a) Stopping-up and (b) Alleygating and the Portfolio Holder was advised that there would be significant cost implications associated with both options. At the current time funding had not been identified.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder agreed in principal to the closure of the footpath between Aldeburgh Close and the Black Path, subject to funding being identified; the preferred method being a Stopping-up Order but to re-consult residents on their preferred option with the requirements as described in the report.

2. Request for the Closure of the Footpath to the Rear of 14-22 Barford Close - *(Head of Technical Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To advise on the result of a consultation exercise with residents in respect of the possible closure of the above footpath.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report advised the Portfolio Holder that a request had been made by the Ward Councillor for the area, on behalf of the residents, for the closure of the above footpath identified in a plan attached as appendix 1 to the report. The report contained details of the consultation exercise undertaken and comments received in support and in opposition to the closure.

Appendix 2 to the report identified an area of public open space that abuts the footpath and the report indicated that a number of residents who were against the closure felt the anti-social behaviour problems should be dealt with by the police and not by the loss of this footpath and open grassed area.

Two options were outlined – (a) Stopping-up and (b) Alleygating and the Portfolio Holder was advised that there would be significant cost implications associated with both options. At the current time funding had not been identified.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder agreed in principal to the closure of the footpath to the rear of 14-22 Barford Close, subject to funding being identified; the preferred method being a Stopping-up Order with the requirements as described in the report.

3. Rossmere Way – Pedestrian Refuge - *(Head of Technical Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To seek approval for the introduction of a pedestrian refuge on Rossmere Way between Ardrossan Court and Alford Court.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report contained detailed background information and a plan of the area was provided. The scheme was estimated to cost £5,000 and would be funded through the Local Transport Plan.

Decision

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

4. Murray Street Highway Improvement Scheme – Zebra Crossing – *(Head of Technical Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To inform the Portfolio Holder of an objection to the proposed siting of a zebra crossing on Murray Street between Bentick Street and Mary Street.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report detailed the scheme background, the consultation undertaken and the objection received. A plan of the area was provided. Following closure of the consultation period and partial implementation of the crossing an objection had been received from a business owner in Murray street indicating that the crossing would prevent vehicles being loaded/unloaded directly outside of his business. Possible alternative delivery/parking arrangements in Mary Street were outlined in the report.

The financial implications of the scheme were included in the report.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder requested that Officers investigate the possible removal of the partially implemented crossing and the implications and report back to a future Portfolio Holder meeting.

5. Proposed Installation of Bus Shelter Station Lane, Seaton Carew - *(Head of Technical Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To consider and approve the installation of a Hartlepool Borough Council bus shelter at Station Lane.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report contained background information and detailed the consultation that had taken place in respect of a request for the installation of a bus shelter at Station Lane. Installation of the shelter would be funded from the bus stop maintenance revenue budget 2006/07.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved the installation of a Hartlepool Borough Council endorsed bus shelter at Station Lane near the grassed area in front of Bylands Grove.

6. Supported Bus Service 5 – West View to the Headland – *(Head of Technical Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To inform the Portfolio Holder of developments relating to the tendering of supported bus service 5.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report contained background information, detailed tendering options and timetable and the tendering results and award. The new service 5 would commence from 26th June.

The Portfolio Holder noted that the progress of the new service 5 would be monitored with on-bus and static surveys. Consultation would also take place with the general public regarding meeting desired travel needs. If appropriate at a future date and budgets permitting, the route could be revised to reflect the outcome of the consultation process.

In relation to the financial implications, a provision of around £75,000 had been made in the Bus Revenue Support budget for 2006/07 for the reinstatement of service 5. The lowest compliant tender had been £86,957, which was £11,957 more than was budgeted for. Expenditure in the current financial year 2006/07 would amount to £66,890 and was within budget. Future financial years would see an additional budget pressure of around £11,957.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder noted the contents of the report and the future monitoring proposals.

7. Revised Fares Stagecoach/Arriva Supported Bus Contracts – *Head of Technical Services*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To inform the Portfolio Holder of revised fares on Hartlepool Borough Council supported Stagecoach bus services, and supported cross boundary services operated on Arriva into County Durham.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report contained background information and details of the revised fare scales. There would be no financial implications to Hartlepool Borough Council as a result of the proposed fare rise.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder noted the revised fares.

8. Traffic Regulation Orders – Objections – *(Head of Technical Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To seek approval for the Traffic Regulation Orders and advise the Portfolio Holder of objections/concerns in relation to the following schemes:

- Belle Vue Way (Oxford Street – Burn Road) 30 mph Speed Limit Order;
- West View Road (Easington Road – Winterbottom Avenue) 30mph Speed Limit Order;
- Clavering Road – 20mph Speed Limit;
- Hart Lane/Thornhill Gardens – Prohibition of Waiting Order.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report and appendices detailed the background, the information collected in relation to objections and the issues surrounding each of the above schemes.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved the Traffic Regulation Orders outlined in the report for the reasons stated. The Portfolio Holder commented that, in relation to the West View Road scheme, clear road markings were needed, and in relation to the Hart Lane/Thornhill Gardens scheme, that investigation be undertaken in respect of a reduction of the yellow line in the vicinity of No. 74 Hart Lane.

9. To Extend the Loan of Painting ‘Youth’ by Charles Napier Hemy – *Director of Adult and Community Services*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To request approval to the extension of the loan of the painting ‘Youth’ by Charles Napier Hemy.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report focused on the extension of the loan of the painting 'Youth' by Charles Napier Hemy for an exhibition of his work.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved the extended loan of the painting.

10. Development of Grayfields Recreation Ground and Allocation of Pitches Appropriate to Achieving Quality Standards – *(Director of Community Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To update the portfolio Holder on progress in relation to the capital investment at Grayfields Recreation Ground and to seek approval to the review of pitch allocation on the basis of League Tier 7 facility requirements.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report advised that the Council, in association with grant funders, is developing and improving pitches and facilities at its sites in accordance with the Playing Pitch Strategy. The current capital improvements at Grayfields are due for completion in July 2006.

The future allocation of the pitches and Grayfields enclose in particular, was recommended to be done by reference to the needs of individual teams achieving higher league status and therefore matching appropriate facilities with teams achieving such status.

The Portfolio Holder was advised that the forthcoming season presents the confirmation of a Hartlepool team achieving Tier 7 status for the first time in many years. The proposals contained within the report sought to address the need and furthermore, safeguard the quality of facilities required by teams playing at current levels i.e. Tier 8 or equivalent. The Assistant Director added that the allocation of the Enclosure is for the "team" playing at the required standard.

The Portfolio Holder thanked the Assistant Director for the work undertaken and commented that the improved pitches would provide welcome facilities for all.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved the following:

- (i) The allocation of the individual pitches at Grayfields continue to be allocated on an annual basis.
- (ii) That Grayfields Enclosure be reserved for teams gaining entry into a Tier 7 league (ie currently the Wearside League). A maximum of two teams can be accommodated on a back to back basis.
- (iii) To further improve the facility standards and ensure teams currently playing at Tier 8 level (ie Teesside Leagues and Durham Alliance League) have appropriate facilities, a new railed pitch being provided at FP1/4 (on the plan provided) in time for the 2006/07 season, should this be necessary.
- (iv) Long term development proposals continue to secure an additional two full size pitches on the Grayfields Oval in association with a retained Cricket Square.

11. Petition for the Closure of the Footpath, Serpentine Road, between Wooler Road and St Bega's Glade - (Head of Technical Services)

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To advise the Portfolio Holder of the receipt of a petition for the closure of the above footpath.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report contained details of the petition, a summary of the current situation and identified possible solutions. A plan showing the footpath was included with the report.

No funding had been identified for the works at the current time. A verbal cost estimate of £3,300 or if more ornate around £5000. The Portfolio Holder was advised that if a Gating Order were to be instigated the cost of opening and closing the gates at set times would be included in the Authority's current security contract and would be negligible. The Acting Transportation and Traffic Manager advised verbally that if a Gating Order were to be sought consultation with residents would be required before exact days and times were set also implementation of the legal process could take some time to complete.

Mr Scott, a resident of the area, who was allowed to speak at the Portfolio Holder meeting indicated that residents would possibly be willing to contribute towards the cost of ornate gates.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder noted receipt of the petition and requested that Officers pursue the implementation of a Gating Order and liaise further with residents in relation to their offer to assist with funding.

**12. Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan
(Culture, Leisure and Transportation) – Update
March 2006 – *Director of Neighbourhood Services***

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To request Portfolio Holder agreement to the update on performance of the Neighbourhood Services Departmental plan for 2005/06 covering the period from the 1st April 2005 to 31st March 2006.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report contained brief descriptions of services and the progress achieved to the end of September in reaching the targets.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved the Departmental Plan update report.

J A BROWN

CHIEF SOLICITOR

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