

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

DECISION RECORD

18th July 2006

Present:

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

Councillor S Griffin was also in attendance and spoke on item 21 – Holdforth Road – Petition for Pedestrian Crossing.

Councillor Dr G Morris was also in attendance and spoke on item 13 – Mountston Close Alleygate.- Consultation results on the Retention of alleygate.

Officers: Alastair Smith, Head of Technical Services
Mike Blair, Transportation and Traffic Manager
Pat Watson, Democratic Services Officer

The following members of the public were also in attendance and allowed to speak on the items indicated:

Mrs S Wright on 13 mentioned above

Mr D Wilson on 21 mentioned above

Mrs L Lupton on 23 – Proposed Relocation of Bus Stops in Brenda Road

Mr R Turner on 27 – Clavering Area – Objection to Parking Restrictions

The following members of the public were also in attendance but did not speak but were represented on item 13 by Mrs S Wright above:

M Thoburn

J Wright

M Douglas

M Harrison

O Mordue

B K Douglas

S Holroyd

13. Mountston Close Alleygate – Consultation results on the Retention of alleygate *(Head of Technical Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To advise the Portfolio Holder on the consultation exercise regarding the retention of the alleygate between numbers 39/40 Mountston Close and Hart Lane.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report outlined the background to the initial installation of the alleygate, and the results of the consultation exercise in respect of the retention, or removal, of the gate.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder requested

- (a) that further consultation be undertaken throughout the estate;
- (b) that the alley-gate at Mountston Close be retained but be left open until the period of consultation has ended and a further report is brought to the Portfolio Holder.

14. Temporary Removal of part of the Heaven and Earth Sculpture to accommodate Network Rail compound, Powlett Road *(Head of Technical Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To confirm the Portfolio Holder's verbal approval to temporarily remove two of the "balls" comprising part of the Heaven and Earth sculpture at Powlett Road/Marina Way junction to accommodate essential bridge replacement works by Network Rail.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report gave details of why the temporary arrangements were required and the timescale for completion of the works.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder confirmed his verbal agreement to the temporary removal of two of the "balls" comprising part of the Heaven and Earth Sculpture on Powlett Road.

15. Bus Service 401 Hartlepool/Stockton Countryside Bus (*Head of Technical Services*)

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To inform the Portfolio Holder of tendering results relating to the service 401 Hartlepool/ Stockton Countryside bus.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

This report provided details of the tendering results for bus service 401.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder noted the report.

16. Bus Service 22 (*Head of Technical Services*)

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To inform the Portfolio Holder of service changes relating to bus service 22 from Hartlepool to Durham.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

This report provided details of service reductions on the service 22 operated by Gardiners and Arriva

Decision

The Portfolio Holder noted the report.

17. Concessionary Fare Eligibility Criteria (*Head of Technical Services*)

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To seek approval to revise the current eligibility criteria for the Hartlepool Borough Council Concessionary Fares Scheme to include people in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) mobility component at the higher rate.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report detailed background information on the Hartlepool Concessionary Fares Scheme, current eligibility criteria and proposed amendment.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved the amendment to the existing eligibility criteria to include “Those in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) mobility component at the higher rate”.

18. Business Parking Bays, Tankerville Street (*Head of Technical Services*)

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To consider relocating business permit parking bays in Tankerville Street to accommodate access demands.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report outlined the background and considered the consequences of the request.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder requested the removal of one business permit bay to be relocated to the northern side of Tankerville Street in an appropriate location, to allow for easier access.

19. Proposed Residents Only Parking Scheme – 8-11 The Front, Seaton Carew (*Head of Technical Services*)

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To consider introducing residents only permit parking controls at 8-11 The Front Seaton Carew.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report outlined the background and detailed the results of a consultation exercise, which had taken place with residents.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved the request to introduce residents only parking permit controls.

**20. Murray Street Highway Improvement Scheme –
Zebra Crossing Follow-up** *(Head of Technical Services)*

Type of decision

Non key

Purpose of report

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the results of an investigation into the enhancement of the existing school crossing patrol site following the objection to the introduction of a Zebra Crossing on Murray Street.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report detailed the benefits and disadvantages of each proposal.

Decision

That Portfolio Holder approved the replacement of the proposed zebra crossing with the alternative safety measures identified.

21. Holdforth Road – Petition for Pedestrian Crossing
(Head of Technical Services)

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To advise on the submission of a petition requesting that some form of pedestrian crossing facility be provided on Holdforth Road. The petition containing 170 signatures was handed to the Portfolio Holder at the meeting.

Issues for consideration of the Portfolio Holder

The report to the Portfolio Holder indicated that an investigation had taken place into the request and had determined the following information:

- there had been no accidents in the last 5 years on Holdforth Road;
- speed surveys had shown an 85th percentile speed of 34mph;
- traffic surveys had shown an average of 5700 vehicles use the road every day;
- pedestrian counts recorded 36 people crossing in one hour during afternoon visiting time, and 21 people crossing in one hour during evening visiting time.

The above information, particularly the speed of traffic and the fact that significant numbers of people did cross at this location, had indicated that some form of crossing, probably a zebra, would be justified. However, due to the lack of accidents and the speeds recorded not being excessive, it would be difficult to justify a scheme for Holdforth Road ahead of the vast majority of schemes currently on the list of approved local safety schemes. In accordance with the criteria agreed at a previous Portfolio meeting, schemes are assessed on the basis of number of accidents recorded, followed by the level of speeding taking place.

Based on these criteria, Holdforth Road would be slotted into the list of potential safety schemes at position 19. A full list was attached as Appendix 1 to the report. Due to the relatively low position of Holdforth Road, it is unlikely that the scheme would be funded from the Local Transport Plan for a number of years, so would not be implemented unless an alternative source of funding were to be forthcoming.

Decision

That the petition be noted and the scheme be added to the list of potential safety schemes at position 19.

22. Highway Maintenance Surfacing Dressing Programme 2006/07 Additional Funding *(Head of Technical Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To confirm additional works added to the 2006/07 highway maintenance programme funded by additional monies approved by Cabinet at the meeting on 19th June 2006.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report gave details of additional funding and how this would be utilised in the highway maintenance programme for 2006/07.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder noted the additional works to the surface-dressing programme.

23. Proposed Relocation of Bus Stop in Brenda Road
(*Head of Technical Services*)

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To request consideration of the proposed relocation of two, of the service 1 bus stops in Brenda Road at the locations described below:

- junction of Brenda Road and Sydenham Road;
- junction of Brenda Road and Windermere Road.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report contained background information on the reasons for the proposed relocation of the bus stops in Brenda Road.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder requested that the service 1 bus stops in Brenda Road located at the junction of Sydenham Road and the junction of Windermere Road remain in place as they had been at those locations for around 40 years and no traffic problems had been identified.

24. Proposed Residents Only Parking Scheme – Linden Grove/Wilton Avenue/Wilton Road *(Head of Technical Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To consider introducing residents only permit parking controls on Linden Grove, Wilton Avenue and Wilton Road.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report provided background information and detailed the results of a consultation exercise, which had taken place with residents. The report also outlined the financial implications.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved:

- (a) the request to introduce a residents only parking permit zone for Wilton Road, Wilton Avenue and Linden Grove, and
- (b) that the zone be extended to include properties between 33-45 (odd) and 54-68 (even) on Linden Grove (as per the submitted petition) to protect residents from further displaced traffic.

25. Proposed Residents Only Parking – Allendale Street/Berwick Street/Carlisle Street/Farndale Road, Seaton Carew *(Head of Technical Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To consider introducing residents only parking permit controls on Allendale Street, Berwick Street, Carlisle Street and Farndale Road, Seaton Carew.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report provided background information and detailed the results of a consultation exercise which had taken place with residents. The report also outlined the financial implications.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder rejected the request to create a residents only permit parking zone for Allendale Street, Berwick Street, Carlisle Street and Farndale Road for the following reasons:

- (a) insufficient residents support the proposal;
- (b) residents consider the parking problems exist outside the core enforcement hours;
- (c) the one road with support for the proposal (Farndale Road) could not be considered in isolation.

The Portfolio Holder noted the concerns of the residents in relation to out of hours enforcement and limited allocation of permits per household be noted and referred to the Permit User Group for consideration. Should future changes be made to the enforcement hours, this decision to be reconsidered as the likely level of residents support would increase substantially.

26. Proposed Residents only Parking Scheme – Holdforth Road/Howbeck Lane/Warren Close *(Head of Technical Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To consider introducing residents only permit parking controls on Howbeck Lane, Warren Close and part of Holdforth Road.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report contained background information and detailed the results of a consultation exercise, which has taken place with residents. The financial implications were also outlined in the report.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved:

- (a) the creation of a residents only permit zone for Howbeck Lane, Warren Close and part of Holdforth Road;
- (b) that the necessary legal orders be advertised;
- (c) that the effect of traffic displacement into surrounding areas be monitored;
- (d) that Officers investigate the feasibility of including some on-street pay and display parking on Holdforth Road.

27. Clavering Area – Objection to Parking Restrictions (Head of Technical Services)

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To seek approval for the traffic regulation order following an objection to the No Waiting at any Time restrictions proposed at various junctions in the Clavering area.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

This report detailed the background to the various orders and the investigations into the objections submitted.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder:

- (a) noted the objection received;
- (b) approved the traffic regulation orders outlined in the report;
- (c) requested that the new restrictions be monitored.

28. Neighbourhood Services Department Plan 2006/07 (Head of Technical Services)

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To request approval to the Neighbourhood Services Departmental plan for 2006/2007.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The Portfolio Holder was advised that the Council's corporate aims had been developed to align with those of the community plan and the Hartlepool Partnership and the Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2006/7 showed how the department would complement and work towards those corporate aims. The Plan also set out the department's aims and objectives and detailed the actions to be taken over the coming twelve months toward achieve them. The Plan also included performance indicators and a range of key national and local indicators. A copy of the Plan was appended to the report.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved the Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2006/07.

29. Traffic Calming Petition (*head of Technical Services*)

Type of decision

For information.

Purpose of report

To advise the Portfolio Holder of two petitions submitted requesting traffic calming.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report contained the details of the requests and the investigations that were to take place.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder noted the petitions and accepted that the outcome of the investigations would be reported to a future Portfolio Holder meeting.

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CHIEF SOLICITOR

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