

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

5.00PM – 11 DECEMBER 2003

BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Mitchell (Chair); Councillors Battle (Deputy Chair), Mrs Drake (OS), Fitch, Forester, Kemble, Morgan, Peltzer Dunn, Smith Watkins and Wrighton.

Also in Attendance: Councillor Mrs Norman for Item 101 and Councillor Pennington for Item 108.

PART ONE

ACTION

96. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

96A. Declarations of Substitutes

96.1	<u>Substitute Councillor</u>	<u>For Councillor</u>
	Watkins	Elgood

96B. Declarations of Interest

96.2 There were none.

96C. Exclusion of Press and Public

96.3 The Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100A(3) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972.

96.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of any of the items on the agenda.

97. MINUTES

97.1 Councillor Kemble referred to the latest issue of "City

News" detailing the traffic arrangements for Dyke Road / Western Road and the fact that Councillors had not been aware of these works in advance. Several Members also expressed concern relative to the closure of the Clarence Road Junction as this might cause problems for the emergency services in the event they needed to access the sea front.

97.2 The Chair confirmed that the emergency services had been consulted regarding the current arrangements and that following expiry of the consultation period a further report would be brought before the Committee. The Director of Environment agreed to notify Members of major schemes in advance of them being notified to the press and public.

97.3 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2003 be approved and signed by the Chair.

98. CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

98.1 The Chair referred to a letter received from Councillor Taylor and considered at the Committee meeting held on 31 July 2003, calling for a review of the existing Travellers Strategy. Following a delay, the Assistant Director, Quality of Life was due to meet representatives from the two neighbouring County Council's and the Police. A review would take place following those discussions and would form the basis of a report to Committee in due course.

99. CALLOVER

99.1 **RESOLVED** - That, with the exception of the items reserved (and marked with an asterisk), the recommendations and resolutions contained therein be approved and adopted without debate, excepting Notices of Motion and Petitions.

***100. NOTICE OF MOTION – ANTI-LITTER CAMPAIGN**

100.1 The Committee considered the following Notice of Motion submitted to Council on 25 September 2003 by Councillors Elgood, Watkins and Davidson:

"This Council reiterates its support for the outcome of the recent Best Value Review of Waste and warmly welcomes progress made through the provision of a new dedicated enforcement team dealing with persistent waste problems in the City. However, it notes with concern the perception by many residents, businesses and visitors that problems relating to unclean streets persist.

This Council notes with interest Darlington's high profile Anti-

Litter Campaign which pioneered the use of on-the-spot-fines for littering, where it is estimated that around 600 people (between November 2002 and August 2003) have received the £50 fines issued by community wardens and the Council's Environment Response Team. A further number of prosecutions have been made of persistent offenders through court action and a 'naming and shaming' strategy. The scheme has also been praised for pro-actively enlisting the support of residents, traders, businesses and media organisations in the area.

This Council believes this pro-active approach is worthy of further consideration and requests that a full report, outlining the implications of such an anti-litter strategy is brought to the relevant committee, as soon as possible."

100.2 The Chair explained that the foregoing "Notice of Motion" had been subsequently withdrawn at the request of Councillor Elgood.

101. NOTICE OF MOTION – TELECOMMUNICATIONS MASTS: HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS IN PLANNING APPLICATIONS

101.1 The Committee considered the following Notice of Motion submitted to Council on 27 November 2003 by Councillors Mrs Norman, Oxley, Simson, Young, Cobb, G Theobald, Pidgeon, Mrs Drake, Giebeler, Kemble and Mrs Brown:

"This Council notes that:

1. Research into the potentially harmful effects of radiation emitted from telecommunications masts is ongoing and incomplete. The results of the research to date have been at best, inconclusive.
2. Local residents, therefore, hold legitimate concerns about the ease with which mobile phone companies are able to get permission to site masts in residential areas, often close to schools and hospitals.
3. At present, local authorities say that objecting to masts on health grounds is not a relevant planning consideration because the emissions fall within guidelines set by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection.
4. However, a number of recent High Court judgements have ruled that issues of public health must be taken into account by planning officers when making a decision on whether to

allow a mast. The most prominent of these occurred in October of this year when Mr Justice Richards revoked the permission of Hutchinson 3G to erect a 40-foot mast 22 yards from the front door of a pregnant 27 year old woman in Hampshire.

Therefore, this Council resolves that, from the next Planning Applications Sub-Committee meeting on 17 December 2003, planning officers be obliged to take potential adverse health effects to residents into account when making recommendations on the siting of telecommunications masts."

101.2 Councillor Mrs Norman was in attendance to speak to the "Notice of Motion" highlighting Members concerns regarding potential health issues in relation to masts, particularly in light of the recent high court decisions cited.

101.3 The City Planner explained that notwithstanding the concerns raised, officers could only operate within the current Government guidelines. Officers had to be mindful in giving their advice of exposing the Council to appeals. He agreed that it was important to carry out a "mapping" exercise to identify where masts were located across the City and to provide this information to Members. It was noted that a training session was to be held for Members of the Planning Applications Sub Committee in January 2004 assessing the issues to be considered when determining mast applications. Councillor Wrighton suggested that it would also be useful to receive a report setting out current advice in the light of these recent decisions.

101.4 **RESOLVED** – That the Notice of Motion be received its content noted and a report prepared for consideration by the Committee as soon as practicable identifying where masts were located across the city and setting out current Government guidelines.

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***102. PETITION: CAR PARKING IN RICHMOND TERRACE, BRIGHTON**

102.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 153 people, presented at Council on 27 November 2003 by Councillor Paskins:

"The undersigned request Brighton & Hove City Council to institute a scheme of controlled parking for Richmond Terrace which should give priority to residents and business occupiers, particularly between the hours of 8am and 8pm and include provision for the disabled and short-term parking of residents' visitors.

We believe that such a scheme would both improve the quality of life of residents and prevent long-term parking by non-residents which damages the environment of our City."

102.2 The Chair was pleased to be able to confirm that the parking bays at Richmond Terrace were to be included in the forthcoming review of the Central Brighton Residents Parking Zones, with a view to them being included within one of the residents parking schemes. The surveys for the review were to be undertaken shortly with the outcomes being implemented from autumn 2004.

102.3 **RESOLVED** - That the petition be received and noted.

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Note: Items 102 and 203 which related to two petitions on the same subject were considered together.

103. PETITION: PROPOSED PARKING SCHEME FOR RICHMOND TERRACE

103.1 The Committee received the following petition from a resident of Richmond Terrace, signed by 49 people, presented at Council on 27 November 2003 by Councillor Paskins:

"We, the undersigned, request Brighton & Hove City Council to institute a scheme of controlled parking for Richmond Terrace which should give priority to residents and business occupiers, particularly between the hours of 8am and 8pm and include provision for the disabled and short-term parking of residents' visitors.

We believe that such a scheme would both improve the quality of life of residents and prevent long-term parking by non-residents which damages the environment of our city."

103.2 The Chair reiterated the comments made under Paragraph 102.2 above.

103.3 **RESOLVED** - That the petition be received and noted.

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***104. PETITION: STREET LIGHTING IN THE AREA OF HIGH STREET, ARDINGLY STREET AND CAVENDISH STREET**

104.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 209 people, presented at Council on 27 November 2003 by Councillor Burgess:

"We the undersigned hereby petition Brighton & Hove City Council to improve street lighting in the area of the High Street,

Ardingly Street and Cavendish Street.

The current level of street lighting is inadequate. This area suffers greatly from street crime, e.g. drug dealing and injecting, vandalism, car crime, criminal damage, alcohol abuse, violent assault and anti social behaviour of all kinds.

With street lighting at its current level it does not in any way help to deter these activities, which are of great concern to local residents and visitors alike. The area is not only unsafe at night but also dangerous as the kerbs are barely visible in some areas."

104.2 Councillor Forester expressed her support for the petition given the very low levels of illumination from street lighting in the area. The Chair stated that she had visited the area herself and had requested that Officers assess whether and what measures might be possible to improve street lighting and the level of illumination provided.

104.3 **RESOLVED** - That the petition be received and noted and that officers be authorised to investigate measures to improve the existing low level on street lighting.

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***105. PETITION: WESTBOURNE GARDENS**

105.1 The Committee received the following petition presented at Council on 27 November 2003 by Councillor Oxley:

"We the undersigned wish to register our concern about the unacceptably high volume and speed of traffic that is now using Westbourne Gardens as a short cut to avoid Sackville Road. Westbourne Gardens is populated by many young families, elderly people, a number of disabled people and has a school situated at the southern end. We believe the way in which the street is now being used by so many cars, vans and lorries exceeding the speed limit constitutes a serious and imminent threat to the health and safety of the residents of Westbourne Gardens. We therefore ask the Council to introduce rigorous traffic calming measures to prevent impatient drivers from using the street in this way."

105.2 Councillor Peltzer Dunn read a statement on behalf of Councillor Oxley (who was unable to be present), setting out his concerns regarding the current situation in Westbourne Gardens and the potential for "rat-running" and accidents resulting from this.

105.3 The Director of Environment referred to the parking reviews which were currently being carried out across the City, to evaluate implemented schemes and assess the level of any displacement to neighbouring roads. It was anticipated that a report would be ready for consideration by the Committee in Spring 2004.

105.3 **RESOLVED** - That the petition be received and noted and that the issues raised be taken on board as part of the review to come before the Committee in Spring 2004.

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***106. PETITION: PARKING BAYS IN SHIRLEY DRIVE, HOVE**

106.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 365 people, presented at Council on 27 November 2003 by Councillor Bennett:

"We the undersigned call on Brighton & Hove City Council to provide parking bays in Shirley Drive as required by the Section 106 Agreement on the basis that the funding should be taken from the revenue already generated by parking schemes across the City and repaid by Hove Rugby Football Club (RFC), over an agreed period of time. The parking bays will not only be for the benefit of the 1,300 members of Hove RFC, including 300 young people from the ages of 6 to 18 who play for the Club, but also the local residents and visitors who will be able to park without damaging the local environment. Hove RFC is a not for profit organisation run wholly by amateurs who give freely of their time to allow both adults and young people an opportunity to play sport and keep fit. Hove RFC has provided several players who have represented their countries in full internationals and wish to provide the chance for everyone to achieve their potential."

106.2 The Director of Environment explained that following a recent refusal by the Planning Applications Sub Committee, compliance with the Section 106 Obligation was being pursued and, a solution was being sought pro-tem. In answer to questions the Solicitor to the Committee explained that as signatories to the Section 106 Obligation the Rugby Club were bound by it. It was agreed that Councillor Bennett would be kept informed regarding the situation.

106.3 **RESOLVED** - That the petition be received and noted and that Councillor Bennett be kept up dated of the situation.

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***107. PETITION: PARKING FACILITIES AT COWLEY DRIVE SHOPS, WOODINGDEAN**

107.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed

by 108 people, presented at Council on 27 November 2003 by Councillor Simson:

"We, the undersigned, would like better parking facilities to enable us to use the shops in Cowley Drive, Woodingdean, Brighton."

107.2 The Traffic Engineer explained that it could be possible for some additional features to be included as part of the planned traffic calming measures and that this could be explored further.

107.3 **RESOLVED** - That the petition be received and noted.

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***108. PETITION: COMMUNAL RUBBISH CONTAINERS**

108.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 40 people, presented at Council on 27 November 2003 by Councillors Pennington and Davidson:

"As residents of Victoria Road, Brighton, we are writing to express our strongest opposition to (and dismay at) plans to introduce 'trials' of communal rubbish containers in our street. While we recognise there are sporadic street-cleaning problems in this area, we are convinced that this scheme is no solution to any such problems, and will only exacerbate them - at great cost to the attractiveness of the neighbourhood.

(1) This is part of a conservation area. All of us care deeply about the appearance of Victoria Road. We take pride in our houses - many of which are single owner-occupied dwellings. None of us want these ugly containers outside our homes. The houses on our road which are divided into flats largely have spacious basement areas where rubbish can be kept off the pavement until the regular collection.

(2) The suggested bins are not only monstrously ugly and wholly out of keeping in visual terms in a conservation area, but will inevitably attract squalor, detritus and surrounding garbage from other areas and passing vehicles. While we are aware that fly-tipping is of concern to those advocating this scheme, we cannot believe that any effective precautions can be taken against such actions. The recycling bins in Montpelier Crescent are already a frequent eyesore on these grounds, in one of the city's most beautiful crescents - please do not go about creating many more of the same.

(3) The poor householders unlucky enough to have one of these massive bins deposited in front of their house or nearby will undoubtedly see a drop in value of their property. Would

you rush to buy a house next to such an atrocity?

(4) In addition, we strongly object to the loss of some of our parking bays. This area is already one in which it is very difficult to find spaces.

(5) We feel it is neither proper nor polite of the Council to force an unpopular scheme on hostile residents. We would emphasize that the Council is alienating precisely those people with whom it should be working. It is responsible, public-spirited and conservation-conscious members of the community who are most outraged by this 'experiment'.

Cityclean's leaflet notes that the scheme's 'outcome' will depend on residents' co-operation. As residents of Victoria Road, between Powis Villas and Powis Road, we would not want to co-operate with such a universally unpopular scheme. Please do re-think. We do not want these communal wastebins in our street."

108.2 Councillor Pennington attended and spoke in support of his petition. The Chair explained that officers were currently collating the responses received and that having assessed them, officers would be re-visiting the streets identified to look again at how the scheme would be applied to individual roads or instances where it might not be appropriate. Notwithstanding that kerbside markings would be applied in January, the Chair was not of the view that this would compromise or delay the scheme.

108.3 **RESOLVED** - That the petition be received and noted.

***109. PETITION: LAY-BYS IN GLADSTONE ROAD**

109.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 16 people, presented at Council on 27 November 2003 by Councillor John:

"We, the undersigned residents of Gladstone Road, request that an extra lay-by is provided between 47 and 59 Gladstone Road and the lay-by outside 50 and 52 Gladstone Road is lengthened, in order to allow adequate space for parking for the vehicle owners in this street. Additionally we ask that the possibility of removing the yellow line from one side of the street to reduce restrictions still further is investigated."

109.2 The Chair explained that following discussions with local members and residents it had been agreed that consideration be given to the construction of additional lay-bys in Gladstone Road providing suitable funding could be identified.

Unfortunately it would not be possible to remove the existing double yellow lines in Gladstone Road in advance of any works to provide additional lay-bys as these lines were necessary for safety reasons.

109.3 **RESOLVED** - That the petition be received and noted.

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***110. PETITION: TRAFFIC ISLAND OUTSIDE "THE ORCHARD" DAY NURSERY**

110.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 107 people, presented at Council on 27 November 2003 by Councillor Forester:

"We, the undersigned, parents of children at Orchard Day Nursery, their friends, families and colleagues, hereby petition for the traffic island outside the Orchard Day Nursery to be replaced by a pelican or zebra crossing. This follows an incident last month when a car demolished the crossing during the daytime and we believe for the safety of our children and those going to and from Queen's Park, that the Council should consider our request most urgently."

110.2 Councillor Forester spoke in support of the petition and the chair responded stating that she had requested Officers to assess the suitability of that location for a crossing facility of the type proposed and the relocation of the nearby bus stop.

110.3 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be received and noted.

***111. PETITION: GEORGE STREET**

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111.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 1,127 people, presented at Council on 27 November 2003 by Councillor Young:

"Petition to Re-open George Street from 4.00pm.

Due to the road not opening until 6.00pm now many businesses in George Street are losing customers due to the inconvenience of not having easy access to George Street. Below are signatures of people who would like to see the road re-opened."

111.2 The Chair confirmed that it was anticipated that a report would be provided to the next meeting of the Committee relating to the George Street area.

111.3 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be received and noted.

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112. QUARTER 2 BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2003/04

112.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment presenting the 2003/04 quarterly performance indicator (PI) results for all indicators for which the Environment Committee is the Service Committee. These indicators are taken from the statutory Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI) suite (for copy see minute book).

112.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Performance indicator results achieved during the second quarter 2003 / 04 as detailed and abridged Q2 Best Value Performance Report 2003 /04 (appended) be noted ; and

(2) That the it be noted that the 2002 / 03 year and results had been audited.

113. A23 SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT CORRIDOR (A27 BYPASS TO PRESTON PARK) PHASE 4

113.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment recommending a preliminary design for the A23, Phase 4 Sustainable Transport Scheme (STC) for which approval was requested (for copy see minute book).

113.2 Authorisation was also requested to allow detailed design and implementation of the scheme, including advertisement of the necessary traffic regulation orders.

113.3 Councillor Wrighton referred to representations she had received from the Cycling Forum requesting that cycle lanes be provided on the pavement, only if this was unavoidable, as this often led to confusion and potential conflict between cyclist and pedestrian movements. Councillor Drake referred to the significant delays that had occurred between Preston Park and Withdean throughout the tourist season and to problems of access/egress for local residents over a protracted period, requesting that every effort be made to avoid such problems in the future. It was noted that these significant problems had arisen due to works by statutory undertakers running seriously behind schedule. Councillor Smith and other Members were in agreement regarding delays and problems caused as a result of schemes being implemented piecemeal.

113.4 The Traffic Engineer noted the comments made stating that phased timing was critical in implementing any given scheme and that it was anticipated that the Government's Traffic Management Bill would facilitate greater co-ordination between statutory undertakers. The Director of Environment explained that a construction timetable detailing planned

works across the City would be brought to a future meeting of the Committee for Members information. She explained in answer to questions that a degree of flexibility would be built into the programme.

113.5 **RESOLVED** – (1) That approval be given to the A23, Phase 4 scheme proposal as detailed on drawing nos.2593/04/, 25935/05/1, 259350/06/01; and

(2) Authorisation be given to carry out the detailed design and implementation of the scheme, including advertisement of the necessary traffic regulation orders.

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***114. A270 LEWES ROAD – SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT CORRIDOR (VOGUE GYRATORY)**

114.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment recommending approval to a preliminary design for the A270 Sustainable Transport Corridor (STC) at the Vogue Gyratory junction (for copy see minute book).

114.2 Authorisation was also requested to allow detailed design and implementation of the scheme, including advertisement of the necessary traffic regulation orders.

114.3 Councillor Wrighton referred to observations she had received from the Cycling Forum. Councillor Battle responded that Cycling Forum representatives had been present at the consultation meeting at which a number of issues including cycling had been discussed. There were practical difficulties in finding an intuitive route and this had resulted in a “gap”. Measures to resolve this issue still needed to be addressed. Councillors Kemble and Smith referred to the need for there to be a degree of flexibility in relation to the Bear Road gyratory and its approach under the railway bridge from Hollingbury Road. The Director of Environment agreed that these and other issues identified would be taken on board as part of the consultation process.

114.4 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the A270 Vogue Gyratory Scheme proposal as detailed in drawing no 259760/005 in the appendix to the report be approved; and

(2) That Officers be authorised to carry out the detailed design and implementation of the scheme subject to responses received following the advertisement of the necessary traffic orders.

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115. PRESTONVILLE RESIDENTS PARKING

115.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning objections to the draft traffic regulation orders and seeking approval for the Prestonville Controlled Parking Zone (Zone Q) to be implemented (for copy see minute book).

115.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the traffic regulation orders be approved as advertised;

(2) That the scheme should proceed to implementation; and

(3) That the parking restrictions operate as a Monday to Sunday scheme as advertised.

***116. AREA M RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME – PROPOSED CHANGES**

116.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment summarising the outcome of the informal public consultation exercise for changes to the Brunswick/Adelaide (Zone M) CPZ and making recommendations for progressing the changes to the detailed design stage and in relation to statutory consultation process (for copy see minute book).

116.2 Members commended the work carried out in relation to the informal public consultation that had taken place in respect of the scheme. It was noted that although overall 26 bays would be lost by the communal bin trial there would be an overall increase of 104 bays in Zone M for residents wishing to park with a permit / pay and display bays.

116.3 **RESOLVED** – (1) That in view of the outcome of the Area M public consultation exercise, the proposed changes to the parking scheme should be developed in detail and put forward for statutory consultation during January and February 2004; and

(2) That further investigations should be undertaken regarding the proposed layout of Western Road, to be subject of a further report.

***117. AREA N RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME – PROPOSED CHANGES**

117.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment summarising the outcome of the public consultation exercise for changes to the Central Hove (Zone N) CPZ and making recommendations for progressing the changes through detailed design and statutory consultation

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(for copy see minute book).

117.2 Members welcomed those proposals intended to standardise arrangements relating to the blue badge scheme and to other elements intended to ensure a consistency of approach across the City. Councillor Peltzer Dunn referred to Paragraph 4.6 of the report and sought clarification regarding the level of response in those streets. The Director of Environment explained that in relation to those streets there had either been a very low response and or very few from that low response figure had indicated that they were opposed to the scheme. Precise details were given relating to the number of respondents and as the numbers in respect of Grand Avenue, Second Avenue and Wilbury Road were few in number and finely balanced Members agreed that it would be appropriate for them to be excluded from the statutory consultation.

117.3 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the following parking proposals for Zone N should be developed in detail and put forward for statutory consultation during January 2004 :

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- Change the hours of the shared bays in the industrial area around Conway Street and Ellen Street to operate Monday to Friday 9am - 6pm;
- Only allow disabled badge holders with a resident permit to park in bays that are reserved for permit holders only. the permit would be available for a nominal fee to cover administrative costs;
- Change the hours of operation of the permit and shared bays to start at 9am instead of 10am as at present; and
- Change some bay designations in individual streets as identified in appendix A - Table 1 with the exception of Grand Avenue, Second Avenue and Wilbury Road which it has been decided should be withdrawn from the scheme.

***118. WEST HILL AREA – TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME**

118.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment presenting, for consideration, details of any objections received to the draft traffic regulation order and notice for the West Hill area traffic calming scheme (for copy see minute book).

118.2 The Chair explained that in view of the responses received it was recommended that the scale of the scheme be reduced to include calming measures just in Buckingham Road, as this was the main route through the area. Measures for

Clifton Street and Buckingham Street would be reconsidered following consultation with the residents, as these were roads which might suffer from a displacement if traffic from Buckingham Road.

118.3 Councillor Wrighton referred to displacement of traffic which might also affect Guildford Street and Guildford Road and it was agreed that these roads would also be revisited and that traffic displacement across the area would be reassessed as part of the overall review that would take place in the light of operating experience. Councillor Kemble referred to the preference of the emergency services for cushions / tables in the roadway rather than traditional "humps". The traffic engineer explained that views were always sought from the emergency services prior to the implementation of any scheme and Members were referred to the responses received.

118.4 **RESOLVED** –That approval be given to the following:-

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(1) The proposed measures for Buckingham Road except that speed cushions replace the round topped humps and the cushions outside No.99 are repositioned. This will require these measures to be re advertised;

(2) That alternative measures for Clifton Street, Buckingham Street, Guildford Road and Guildford Street be considered in consultation with residents;

(3) Improvements be made to the bus stops in Upper Gloucester Road to make them "accessible" stops; and

(4) That the build outs at St. Paul's School be carried out in conjunction with the school as part of the redesign to the school entrance.

119. TRAFFIC CALMING – ORCHARD ROAD AREA, HOVE

119.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment seeking approval for a traffic calming scheme in the Orchard Road area of Hove together with authorisation to carry out detailed design work and implementation including the advertising of the necessary traffic regulation orders (for copy see minute book).

119.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That approval be given to the implementation of a traffic calming scheme as detailed on drawing 0007832/Prelim/OP2, Appendix A of the report; and

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(2) That authority be given to advertise the necessary traffic regulation orders and highway notices required for Option 2

and, subject to no objections being received, approval be given for the implementation of Option 2.

120. PARKING ON VERGES – NOTICE OF MOTION

120.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment on the need for a byelaw prohibiting parking on grass verges in response to the Notice of Motion agreed by the Committee on 5 September 2002 (for copy see minute book).

120.2 The Committee noted the measures that had already been taken to address the problems caused by parking on verges and welcomed the reallocation of maintenance funding to increase the sums spent hardening, preventing or repairing verges recognising the need for a flexible approach that sought to effect a compromise solution whilst safeguarding pedestrians.

120.3 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the action taken to deter parking on grass verges be noted;

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(2) That the Director of Environment reports back to the Committee when the expected new legislation is available for the decriminalisation of parking offences caused by vehicles parking on grass verges; and

(3) That the committee notes that a maximum value of £30,000 per year is to be reallocated within the Highway Maintenance Budget to be spent on verge schemes to be spent under the Director's delegated authority.

***121. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN CONSULTATION FRAMEWORK**

121.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment setting out the framework for the second Local Transport Plan (LTP) to cover the five year period 2006/07 to 2010/11. The plan would include a bid for government capital funds to support a comprehensive programme of investment in maintenance and integrated transport schemes, which would help to achieve both local and national transport policy objectives (for copy see minute book).

121.2 Members welcomed the high level the high level overview which was planned noting that input would be obtained from a number of sources and would include consultation with sustainable transport groups.

121.3 **RESOLVED** – That approval be given to the following :

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(a) The proposed consultation framework for the development

of the Local Transport Plan for 2006 / 7 –2010 / 11 ; and

- (b) The Director of Environment be authorised to oversee, finalise and implement the Local Transport Plan Consultation Process.

***122. DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE: BRIGHTON & HOVE SUSTAINABILITY CHECKLIST**

122.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment seeking approval to publish the Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance note for public consultation prior to seeking approval as Supplementary Planning Guidance (for copy see minute book).

122.2 In answer to questions, the City Planner explained that the checklist would help to deliver the sustainability objectives of the local plan and would provide a consistent approach to the implementation of the sustainability agenda in Brighton & Hove. It was envisaged that the checklist would be used to assess the sustainability elements of major planning applications and would be made available to developers to assist them in focusing their minds on sustainability issues at the beginning of the application process.

122.3 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance Notes (Appendix 1) be approved for public consultation;

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(2) The Director of Environment be authorised to consult widely on the Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance Note as referred to above and to report responses back to the Committee for its further consideration and approval; and

(3) Requests that the Draft Guidance note be reported to the Planning Applications Sub Committee for information.

***123. DRAFT CONSULTATION PAPER ON NEW PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 11 (PPS 11) – REGIONAL PLANNING**

123.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment summarising a recent Government consultation paper on proposed changes to Regional/Strategic Planning (for copy see minute book).

123.2 Members noted that the Planning Bill introduced statutory regional planning for the first time and that the aim of PPS11 was to consult on the procedures for producing regional plans. The main principle would be the introduction of a regional spatial strategy (RSS) to be produced by the regional planning body. In the South East this would be the South East Regional Assembly (SEERA). In answer to questions it was explained that this body was composed of a representatives from a number of bodies including the City Council and that Councillor Turner was the current Chair. Members requested that a seminar be held (at the appropriate time

123.3 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the intention to introduce spatial planning and to give regional planning a statutory basis, the requirement to give more specific regional and sub regional guidance; the identification of a role for strategic planning authorities (but to provide more guidance on how these partnerships with the regional planning body should work and how the work is to be undertaken) and, the requirement for community involvement in the preparation of the regional spatial strategy, are welcomed.

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***124. THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO DRAFT PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 12 ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORKS**

124.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment providing a brief outline of the content of the consultation draft Planning Policy Statement 12 on Local Development Frameworks and to make recommendations on the Council's response to these proposals (for copy see minute book).

124.2 In answer the questions, the City Planner explained that the local plan would ultimately be replaced with a portfolio of documents called the "Local Development Framework". These would run in tandem with the existing local plans pro tem but were intended in the longer term to provide more flexibility and efficiency in preparing plans and keeping them up to date and would also provide better links between planning and a community strategy.

124.3 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Committee endorse the broad aims of PPS12 including the introduction of spatial planning, the improved links between planning and the community strategy and improvements in community participation; and

(2) Endorse the broad comments set out in Paragraph 5 of the report.

125. CONSULTATION ON DRAFT PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 7 (PPS7) – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN RURAL AREAS

125.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the changes proposed in the draft Consultation Paper on a new Planning Policy Statement 7 (PPS7) – Sustainable Development in Rural Areas and seeking feedback on the content of the Paper, which will be reported back to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) (for copy see minute book).

125.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the changes and implications regarding national planning policy advice outlined in the report be noted ;

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(2) Support be given in principle to the guidance on farm diversification, but the ODPM be requested to provide more detailed guidance on imaginative and innovative farm diversification schemes, focusing on strengthening the link between urban and rural economies and communities, possibly as an annex to the statement;

(3) Support in principle the guidance on tourism and leisure, but request that supplementary guidance is provided on good practice for sustainable tourism, with recognition of the positive contributions that cycling and walking can make;

(4) Support be given in principle to the guidance on housing in rural areas, but the ODPM be requested to consider providing more detailed guidance on the provision of affordable housing in rural areas; and

(5) Agree that any feedback resulting from this report is incorporated into the City Council's formal response to the ODPM.

126. BEACH CHALET AND BEACH HUT RENTAL CHARGES

126.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment setting out a proposal to increase the annual rental sum levied by the Council on Beach Chalets in Saltdean, Rottingdean, Madeira Drive and Hove (for copy see minute book)

126.2 **RESOLVED** – That having considered the factors affecting the value of the beach chalets and beach huts, previous charges and the evidence compiled by authorities holding similar stock Officers be authorised to revise the rental charges as set out in paragraph 3.15

**Resort Services
Manager**

127. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

127.1 **RESOLVED** – That no items be forwarded to Council from this meeting.

PART TWO

128. ITEMS TO REMAIN EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

128.1 **RESOLVED** – That no items remain exempt from disclosure to the press and public.

The meeting concluded at 6.50 pm.

Signed

Chair

Dated this

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