

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT & SUSTAINABILITY CABINET MEMBERS MEETING

2.00pm 4 MAY 2012

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor West (Cabinet Member), Councillor Davey (Cabinet Member)

Also in attendance: Councillors Mitchell (Opposition Spokesperson), Councillor Geoffrey Theobald (Opposition Spokesperson)

Other Members present: Councillor Janio

PART ONE

107. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

107(a) Declarations of Interests

107.1 There were none.

107(b) Exclusion of Press and Public

107.2 In accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (“the Act”), the Cabinet Member considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during an item of business on the grounds that it was likely, in view of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present during that item, there would be disclosure to them of confidential information (as defined in section 100A(3) of the Act) or exempt information (as defined in section 100I(1) of the Act).

107.3 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public not be excluded from the meeting.

108. CABINET MEMBERS' COMMUNICATIONS

108.1 Councillor Davey and Councillor West both noted they were looking forward to working within the Committee Structure, and hoped it would be both constructive and co-operative.

108.2 Councillor West noted he had attended the formal opening of the renovation project at the Rock Gardens; he noted volunteers and local school children had helped work on the project, and hoped the area could be enjoyed by all. Councillor West went on to say

that £145k had been secured to improve playground facilities and equipment for children with disabilities, and young people would be involved in the design ideas.

109. ITEMS RESERVED FOR DISCUSSION

109.1 **RESOLVED** – That all items be reserved for discussion.

110. PRESTON PARK TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER CONSULTATION

110.1 Councillor West considered a report of the Strategic Director, Place. He noted that a cross party working group had considered the matter, and consulted with residents in 2011; it had been agreed that the scheme would be self-funding, and amendments to the scheme had been made to reduce the cut off hour for evening charging from 2000 to 1800.

110.2 Councillor Mitchell noted her concerns in relation to the potential impact on sports clubs at the park, and stated her view that the reduction in evenings did not go far enough. She proposed that the scheme should be free at weekends, and monitored for 6 months. Councillor Geoffrey Theobald agreed with the comments made by Councillor Mitchell, and hoped other measures could be looked at to provide free weekend parking. Councillor West noted that charging at the weekend was necessary to ensure the scheme was self-funding; the charges were relatively low; a review would take place after 6 months and the scheme addressed safety concerns at the park.

110.3 **RESOLVED** – That:

- (1) Having taken account of all duly made representations and objections, the Cabinet Member approves as advertised the following orders;
 - (a) Brighton & Hove (Preston Park) Various Restrictions Order 20** TRO-7a-2012 with minor amendments in response to the consultation as set out in this report
 - (b) Brighton & Hove (Waiting & Loading/ Unloading Restrictions and Parking Places) Consolidation Order 2008 Amendment Order No. * 20** (Preston Drove TRO-7b-2012
 - (c) Brighton & Hove Various Controlled Parking Zones Consolidation Order 2008 Amendment Order No. * 20** (Preston Park Avenue) TRO-7c-2012
- (2) That any amendments included in the report and subsequent requests deemed appropriate by officers are added to the proposed scheme during implementation and advertised as an amendment Traffic Regulation Order.

111. BRIGHTON & HOVE 20MPH CITY

111.1 Councillor Davey considered a report of the Strategic Director, Place, and an Officer update. In response to queries it was highlighted that the any progression of such a scheme would take place in close work with Ward Councillors. He explained that scrutiny had considered 20mph speed restrictions in 2010, and approval had been given in January 2012 for Officers to investigate the possibility of wider 20mph restrictions across the city.

111.2 Councillor Mitchell noted that the report was not a direct reflection of the scrutiny work undertaken in 2010. She went on to raise her concerns in relation to proposed phasing of the Scheme; the funds to undertake the lining work and the long term maintenance. Councillor Geoffrey Theobald also noted concerns in relation to street clutter, and the funding to provide the necessary traffic calming measures. Councillor Janio also noted there would need to be a mechanism in place for areas where residents did not want a 20mph scheme. Councillor Davey noted that there was some rationale in decreasing speeds closer to the city centre; he also highlighted that there would be budget in place to support this over the next three years. Officers confirmed that additional engineering and traffic calming measures would be considered where necessary.

111.3 RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Cabinet Member for Transport & Public Realm agrees the principles of the proposed outline implementation programme (see Appendix 1).
- (2) That the Cabinet Member for Transport & Public Realm grants permission to commence stakeholder and public consultation and preparatory research, surveys and street character assessments.

112. LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND - UPGRADE OF THE REAL TIME PASSENGER INFORMATION (RTPI) SYSTEM

112.1 Councillor Davey considered a report from the Strategic Director, Place, and an Officer update stating that the proposed upgraded system would use GPRS and improve the service provided by the current system which had become dated; the current contract ended in 2013 and it was envisaged coverage could be increased across the city.

112.2 Councillors Mitchell and Geoffrey Theobald welcomed the introduction of the new technology.

112.3 RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Cabinet Member for Transport & Public Realm supports the upgrade of the RTPI system to GPRS and grants permission for officers to begin the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) tendering process to secure a provider of a GPRS system and an ongoing maintenance contract.
- (2) That the Cabinet Member for Transport & Public Realm grants permission for officers to plan for the rollout of the new system by July 2013.

113. CITY WIDE PARKING REVIEW - INTERIM REPORT

113.1 Councillor Davey considered report of the Strategic Director, Place and received an Officer update stating that the level of consultation had been extensive including 18 community meetings talking to over 600 residents and traders. The report outlined the current plan; the proposed summer consultation and it was hoped a final report would be brought forward in late 2012.

113.2 Councillor Mitchell stated that she not did understand the purpose of the review; and suggested that there was a risk it only highlight issues that Officers were already aware of in relation to parking. She also expressed concern in relation to the potential costs of the work. Councillor Janio noted that Officers had undertaken good work, but stated that the review lacked any firm proposals that could be properly consulted on. Councillor Davey noted that residents would be able to make suggestions and all parties would be able to feed into the review. Councillor Geoffrey Theobald also noted that the review should be more embracing and include local businesses and tourist bodies.

113.3 RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Cabinet Member notes the progress made on the review to date.
- (2) That the Cabinet Member notes the summary of issues raised to date.
- (3) That the Cabinet Member approves the outline plan to complete the review.

114. RESPONSE TO GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION 'DEVOLVING MAJOR LOCAL TRANSPORT SCHEMES'

114.1 Councillor Davey considered a report of the Strategic Director, Place and received an introduction from the Head of Transport Strategy and Projects, Andy Renaut. It was stated that the report set out the views that had been submitted on behalf of the Council to devolve powers and responsibilities to local authorities; the report discussed the provision of influence through a locally established transport body that would be accountable. The outcome of the consultation was expected to provide advice on how this would be taken forward.

114.2 Councillor Mitchell welcomed the move to start managing transport at a local level; and noted that it was her view to South-East Transport Board had worked effectively before it was decommissioned. Councillor Geoffrey Theobald noted his disagreement with the points made by Councillor Mitchell, and stated that a new board would be better based on the LEP as this would be more relevant to the city as a location. Councillor Davey agreed that the LEP was a useful geographical and economic area to focus on.

114.3 RESOLVED - That the Cabinet Member:

- (1) Approves the officer response submitted on behalf of the council to the government's consultation (attached in Appendix 1).
- (2) Requests that the Strategic Director notifies the Department for Transport of his decision.
- (3) Notes the indicative timetable set out in Appendix 2 associated with the development of a Local Transport Body and authorises the Strategic Director to continue discussions with relevant local authorities and organisations to produce agreed draft Local Transport Body proposals.

115. NORTH LAINE PERMEABILITY TRO REPORT

- 115.1 Councillor Davey considered a report of the Strategic Director, Place, and an Officer update stating that the proposed contra flow in the North Laine area was to address concerns in relation to safety, and support cycling. The formal consultation had only closed the day before the meeting, and the additional road markings would be trialled.
- 115.2 Councillor Janio noted his support for the scheme, but highlighted it would need to be monitored. Councillor Mitchell also welcomed the report.
- 115.3 **RESOLVED** - That the Cabinet Member for Transport & Public Realm, having taken into account all duly made objections and representations, due to the reasons stated in the report, gives approval to the TROs as advertised and gives approval for officers to begin implementation of the proposed cycle contraflow network scheme.

The meeting concluded at 3.13pm

Signed

Cabinet Member

Dated this

day of