

MEETING OF THE CABINET HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

held 9 February 2012

PRESENT: Councillors Leigh Bramall (Chair), Mary Lea, Bryan Lodge and Helen Mirfin-Boukouris

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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| 1.1 | <u>Apology</u>
Councillor Harry Harpham | <u>Substitute</u>
Councillor Mary Lea |
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2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- 3.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 12 January 2012 were approved as a correct record.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

- 4.1 There were no public questions or petitions.

5. ITEMS CALLED-IN FOR SCRUTINY/REFERRED TO CABINET HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

- 5.1 It was reported that the item on 'Parking Enforcement using Mobile Cameras', agreed at the meeting of the Committee held on 12 January 2012 had been called in for Scrutiny. This had been considered at a special meeting of the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on 2 February 2012 where it was agreed to take no action. The decision can therefore be implemented as agreed.

6. PETITIONS

- 6.1 New Petitions
The Committee noted for information the receipt of petitions (a) containing 25 signatures requesting yellow lines on the corners surrounding Windmill Hill School and that this would be referred to a future meeting of the Northern Community Assembly, (b) containing 178 signatures requesting urgent improvements to road safety and parking on Burnaby Crescent and that this would be referred to a future meeting of the Central Community Assembly and (c) containing 5 signatures requesting the installation of double yellow lines at the two junctions of Midhill Crescent and Midhill Road and that this would be referred to a future meeting of the South Community

Assembly.

6.2 Outstanding Petitions List

The Committee received and noted a report of the Executive Director, Place setting out the position on outstanding petitions that were being investigated.

7. **HIGHFIELD PERMIT PARKING SCHEME REVIEW – PROPOSED EXTENSION OF EXISTING SCHEME**

7.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report informing Members about comments received following public consultations on the extension to the Highfield Permit Parking Scheme. The report included a response to the comments received and recommended that the scheme was extended on to the streets listed in Appendix E to the report.

7.2 Melanie Larder, a resident of Holland Place, attended the meeting to make representations to the Committee requesting that Holland Place be included in the scheme despite the officer's recommendation. She commented that many residents of Holland Place were not permanent residents and those who lived there permanently were in favour of being included in the scheme. The parking situation on Holland Place was causing a problem for residents as they were often unable to park on the street and therefore she requested that Holland Place be included in the extension to the scheme.

7.3 Edward Scott, a resident of Alderson Place, also attended the meeting to make representations to the Committee. He welcomed the inclusion of Alderson Place in the scheme and hoped that this would alleviate the parking problems experienced by the residents of Alderson Place.

7.4 Members commented that they were sympathetic to the comments made by Miss Larder but the questionnaire response from residents of Holland Place had not produced a decisive yes vote to being included in the scheme. A sensible boundary for the scheme needed to be devised and unfortunately, as a result, they would have to support the recommendations in the officer's report.

7.5 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee:-

- (a) overrules the objections and approves the scheme designs as detailed in Appendix E to the report;
- (b) resolves that the Traffic Regulation Orders associated with the scheme be made in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984; and
- (c) requests that the residents be informed of the decisions made.

7.6 **Reasons For The Decision**

- 7.6.1 The proposals in the report had been designed in response to requests from the public received during the scheme review. The Permit Parking Scheme was being extended onto roads where the majority of residents voted for it.

7.7 Alternative Options Considered And Rejected

- 7.7.1 The proposals had been drawn up to reflect residents wishes expressed in the Highfield Review. No alternative options were considered.

8. REPORT ON A PETITION REGARDING PRUNING HIGHWAY TREES ON CARTERKNOWLE ROAD

- 8.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report advising Members of the current position regarding the condition of the highway trees at Carterknowle Road, S7.

8.2. RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

- (a) approves the actions taken which were in accordance with the Council's Street Maintenance Policy, Standards and Strategy Statement;
- (b) requests that the petition be referred to the South West Community Assembly for consideration; and
- (c) requests that the petitioner be informed of the Committee's decision.

8.3 Reasons for the Decision

- 8.3.1 The recommendations were based on the Street Maintenance Policy, Standards and Strategy Statement approved by Cabinet in May 2008.

8.4 Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

- 8.4.1 No alternative options were considered as the proposals were in accordance with City Council policy.

9. OBJECTION TO PROPOSED "NO PARKING" TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER ASSOCIATED WITH THE BUTTERTHWAITE ROAD/ECCLESALL ROAD GREEN SPACE

- 9.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report on an objection received to a Traffic Regulation Order prohibiting car parking on the Butterthwaite Road/Ecclesfield Road green space triangle, recently improved as part of the Shiregreen Streetscene improvements.

9.2 RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

- (a) overrules the objection, and the Traffic Regulation Order be made in

accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984; and

(b) requests that the objectors be informed accordingly.

9.3 Reasons for the Decision

9.3.1 The improvements to the green space triangle were part of the overall streetscene improvements funded by Sanctuary Housing Association across the whole of Shiregreen. The improvements included the provision of footways and planting areas and the work would have been abortive if the area were to be used as an “unofficial” residents car park. The prohibition of car parking on the triangle will also improve visibility at the road junction for drivers.

9.4 Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

9.4.1 Access to off street parking within the curtilage of the residents property must be possible but because of the gradient and the need for planning permission the costs were likely to be prohibitive. This would be the case whether the work was funded by Sanctuary or the resident. The North East Community Assembly had funded the construction of a car park for residents of Ecclesfield Road, further to the east, but it was accepted that this would not necessarily be attractive to Butterthwaite Road residents.

9.4.2 Should a request be made, the Community Assembly might wish to consider funding a further residents car park in this area, although this may be unlikely, given the current budget constraints and demand in particular for road schemes across the Assembly Area.

Signed _____
(Chair)

Date _____