

At a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held in COMMITTEE ROOM 2 on WEDNESDAY, 7th NOVEMBER, 2018 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Scullion in the Chair

Councillors M. Dixon, English, Farthing, I. Galbraith, Haswell, Jackson, Johnston, Lauchlan, Mordey, Porthouse, Rowntree, Scaplehorn and P. Walker.

Declarations of Interest

Community Parking Management Scheme (CPMS) Delivery Procedure

Councillors English and Porthouse made open declarations that whilst they had been campaigning for such schemes to be introduced, they still retained an open mind on the delivery of the proposals.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Francis, Hodson, Mullen, P. Smith, Williams and D. Wilson.

Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 10th October, 2018

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 10th October, 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Report of the meeting of the Development Control (North Sunderland) Sub Committee held on 2nd October, 2018

The report of the meeting of the Development Control (North Sunderland) Sub-Committee held on 2nd October, 2018 (copy circulated) was submitted.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

2. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Report of the meeting of the Development Control (South Sunderland) Sub Committee held on 1st October, 2018

The report of the meeting of the Development Control (South Sunderland) Sub-Committee held on 1st October, 2018 (copy circulated) was submitted.

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3. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Report of the meeting of the Development Control (Hetton, Houghton and Washington) Sub Committee held on 2nd October, 2018

The report of the meeting of the Development Control (Hetton, Houghton and Washington) Sub-Committee held on 2nd October, 2018 (copy circulated) was submitted.

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4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Community Parking Management Scheme (CPMS) Delivery Procedure

The Executive Director of Economy and Place submitted a report (copy circulated) reviewing the existing Community Parking Management Schemes (CPMS) and the methods of delivery used for future CPMS. The report also set out a proposed CPMS investigation procedure and a method to ascertain the level of local public support.

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Stephen Dixon, Engineer, presented the report and was on hand to answer Members queries.

Councillor Haswell commented that the proposed streamlining of the process was welcome but he had received comments from residents that it had been slowed down due to the legal process and enquired if this would be made simpler through this procedure.

Mr Dixon advised that whilst the schemes would always attract objections it was hoped that through working with residents and local councillors these objections could be reduced, helping to speed up the process, but the legal process would remain the same.

In response to Councillor Haswell's query, Mr Dixon advised that it was possible to reach out to business as once they had met with the initial working

groups, they would discuss Membership and take on board any suggestions as to who should be included in such discussions going forward.

Councillor Galbraith commented that he had attended residents meetings with regards to such schemes and the residents associations had been vital in getting them off the ground. A number of residents voted against schemes due to misunderstanding the terms and conditions which the associations were able to better educate over and reduce the number of objections. Councillor Galbraith also welcomed the streamlining of the process but residents were concerned about the legal and governance delays.

Councillor Galbraith also referred to schemes in which 49% had voted for, 49% voted against and 2% had abstained and queried if there was scope for flexibility to go back to the particular street that had abstained and consult with the residents.

Mr Dixon advised that there were always opportunities for further consultation and Officers would do this but sometimes difficult decisions had to be made when such stalemate scenarios occurred.

Councillor Mordey commented that these were excellent schemes and they were only ever introduced in the city when a majority of the residents requested them. Councillor Mordey also requested that the scheme in Hendon be changed so it refers to East End and not High Street East.

Councillor Porthouse welcomed the report and the schemes commenting that parking was such an emotive issue that the beauty of such schemes were that the residents got to decide on the implementation or not.

Councillor Porthouse also enquired as to how surveys were carried out on streets which already had road traffic order restrictions implemented. Mr Dixon advised surveys were usually carried out at 6am, midday and on an evening to show the pattern of residents parking.

Councillor M. Dixon wished to commend the Officers for first class contact with Councillors and the way they had consulted with the public. The schemes and process showed flexibility so that the systems were working.

Councillor English suggested that the Moorside scheme would be wise to include Burdon Vale. Mr Dixon advised that the streets to be included were brought up through intelligence but when the working group was convened they would be able to consider which areas to include/consult in the overall scheme.

Councillor Porthouse commented that due to the success of businesses in Doxford/St Chads, other wards had suffered and as responsible Councillors it was a balancing act to ensure the correct schemes were used. Mr Dixon advised that they did hope to open discussions with businesses during working groups and they could look at changing the times of operation for schemes if that was what investigations brought to light via consultations.

Full consideration having been given to the item, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) Officers to continue with the implementation of the University & Millfield Area CPMS. Howick Park CPMS, Seaburn Amendment and Ashbrooke Thornholme (Hendon) Phase 2.
- (ii) Agreed the CPMS investigation procedure in terms of assessment technique and qualifying criteria contained within the report to ensure resources were targeted to the most suitable areas.
- (iii) Agreed the procedure for assessing the community support through public engagement and vote, using the 2 Community Support Tests identified in Section 4 and 5 of the report.
- (iv) Agreed that, subject to available funding, resources and satisfactory completion of all statutory procedures, it would be reasonable to deliver 1-2 discrete CPMS's per year over an 18 to 24 month period.
- (v) Agreed the priority list as recommended in the report, to take forward to future introduction on site as CPMS areas.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) A. SCULLION
(Chairman)