





**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

Overview & Scrutiny

Title:	Environment and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee Ad Hoc Panel - 20mph speed limits/zones
Date:	26 January 2010
Time:	10.00am
Venue	Friends' Meeting House
Members:	Councillors: West (Chair) Bennett Watkins Mitchell Wells
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AGENDA

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To hear evidence from:

- Roger French, Managing Director, Brighton & Hove Bus Company
- Phil Clarke, Road Safety Manager, Brighton & Hove City Council
- Stephen Young, Local Representative, Living Streets
- Adam Bunce, Assistant Traffic Systems Engineer, Portsmouth City Council

(Biographies of Speakers, attached.)

Agreed Scrutiny Panel Terms of Reference, also attached for information.

9. Date of Next Meetings

11th February 2010 at 10am in Committee Room 3, Brighton Town Hall

23rd February 2010 at 10am in Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall

10. Any Other Business

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Agenda Item 1

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

A. Declaration of Substitutes

Where a Member of the Commission is unable to attend a meeting for whatever reason, a substitute Member (who is not a Cabinet Member) may attend and speak and vote in their place for that meeting. Substitutes are not allowed on Scrutiny Select Committees or Scrutiny Panels.

The substitute Member shall be a Member of the Council drawn from the same political group as the Member who is unable to attend the meeting, and must not already be a Member of the Commission. The substitute Member must declare themselves as a substitute, and be minuted as such, at the beginning of the meeting or as soon as they arrive.

B. Declarations of Interest

- (1) To seek declarations of any personal or personal & prejudicial interests under Part 2 of the Code of Conduct for Members in relation to matters on the Agenda. Members who do declare such interests are required to clearly describe the nature of the interest.
- (2) A Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission, an Overview and Scrutiny Committee or a Select Committee has a prejudicial interest in any business at meeting of that Committee where –
 - (a) that business relates to a decision made (whether implemented or not) or action taken by the Executive or another of the Council's committees, sub-committees, joint committees or joint sub-committees; and
 - (b) at the time the decision was made or action was taken the Member was
 - (i) a Member of the Executive or that committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee and
 - (ii) was present when the decision was made or action taken.
- (3) If the interest is a prejudicial interest, the Code requires the Member concerned:-
 - (a) to leave the room or chamber where the meeting takes place while the item in respect of which the declaration is made is under consideration. [There are three exceptions to this rule which are set out at paragraph (4) below].
 - (b) not to exercise executive functions in relation to that business and
 - (c) not to seek improperly to influence a decision about that business.
- (4) The circumstances in which a Member who has declared a prejudicial interest is permitted to remain while the item in respect of which the interest has been declared is under consideration are:-

(a) for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the item, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, whether under a statutory right or otherwise, BUT the Member must leave immediately after he/she has made the representations, answered the questions, or given the evidence,

(b) if the Member has obtained a dispensation from the Standards Committee, or

(c) if the Member is the Leader or a Cabinet Member and has been required to attend before an Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Sub-Committee to answer questions.

C. Declaration of party whip

To seek declarations of the existence and nature of any party whip in relation to any matter on the Agenda as set out at paragraph 8 of the Overview and Scrutiny Ways of Working.

D. Exclusion of press and public

To consider whether, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, or the nature of the proceedings, the press and public should be excluded from the meeting when any of the following items are under consideration.

NOTE: Any item appearing in Part 2 of the Agenda states in its heading the category under which the information disclosed in the report is confidential and therefore not available to the public.

A list and description of the exempt categories is available for public inspection at Brighton and Hove Town Halls.

BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

Roger French: Managing Director, Brighton & Hove Bus Company:

Roger French OBE DL is Managing Director of Brighton & Hove Bus Company and has been running the city's buses since 1982. He is involved in a number of city forums including being Chair of the City's Local Strategic Partnership, the Business Forum, the Hove Business Partnership and the Martlets Hospice. The Brighton & Hove Bus Company has a fleet of 275 vehicles and runs an intensive network of bus routes throughout the city and beyond into East Sussex and West Sussex. Around 1,100 staff work for the Company including 850 drivers to provide bus services running 24 hours a day 364 days a year. There are three bus garages in the city in Conway Street, Hove; Lewes Road, Brighton; and Whitehawk Road, Brighton; as well as buses based in Eastbourne, Newhaven, Uckfield and Durrington. There are two travel shops in the city centre at Brighton Station and Old Seine.

Phil Clarke: Road Safety Manager, Brighton & Hove City Council:

Phil Clarke has been the Council's Road Safety Manager since March 2009 following a career with Sussex Police, mainly in Road Policing, and has extensive experience of collision investigation and road safety, latterly within Brighton & Hove. His team is multi-disciplinary with a remit for delivering school travel planning, child cycle and pedestrian training, school crossing patrols, collision data analysis, road safety engineering schemes and a wide variety of other education, training and publicity initiatives. He represents Brighton & Hove City Council within the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership, working closely with other organisations, local authorities and the Department for Transport to make the City's roads safer and promote sustainable transport.

Stephen Young: Local Representative from Living Streets:

Stephen Young is a local representative from Living Streets; a national charity that with its supporters works to create safe, attractive and enjoyable streets where people want to walk. Stephen is also a member of Brighton and Hove's Sustainable Transport Partnership and a member of the Transport Group, Transition, Brighton and Hove. Stephen is a Senior Lecturer in Economics, University of Brighton Business School, teaching courses in micro, macro and behavioural economics. His area of research is behavioural economics. Stephen has also been a Senior Telecom Expert to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the specialized agency of the United Nations for ICTs. Stephen's background is in: public policy, regulation and strategy in energy and ICTs. His long-term interest is in sustainability, focusing on the behavioural changes necessary for the move to a low carbon economy - see www.ictandclimatechange.com.

Adam Bunce: Assistant Traffic Systems Engineer, Portsmouth City Council:

Biography tbc.

Scrutiny Panel's Terms of Reference:

- 1) To gain an understanding of the collision statistics
- 2) To seek a range of views as to the impact of 20 mph speed limits and 20 mph zones on road safety in terms of reducing vehicle speeds and casualty numbers
- 3) To investigate what options other local authorities across the country are pursuing in terms of 20 mph speed limits/zones
- 4) To gain an understanding of the potential environmental impacts of 20 mph speeds on air quality, tail pipe and carbon emissions as well as noise
- 5) To gain an understanding of the potential 'other benefits' which 20 mph speeds may bring, such as health benefits, increased sociability, and better walking and cycling conditions
- 6) To gain an understanding of any potential consequences of any displacement of traffic as a result of introducing lower speed limits
- 7) To gain an understanding of the speed limit review currently being undertaken in the city and the links with this investigation
- 8) To identify the benefits, feasibility and potential costs of various 20 mph speed options for the city
- 9) To develop recommendations for the future development of council policy on 20 mph speed limits/zones

