

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

**4.00pm 24 NOVEMBER 2015**

**THE RONUK HALL, PORTSLADE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillor Mitchell (Chair) Janio (Opposition Spokesperson), West (Group Spokesperson), Atkinson, Greenbaum, Miller, Moonan, Nemeth, Robins and G Theobald

**Other Members present:** Councillors Littman, Taylor

**PART ONE**

**37 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

**37(a) Declarations of substitutes**

37.1 Councillor Moonan was present as substitute for Councillor Barradell.

**37(b) Declarations of interest**

37.2 There were none.

**37(c) Exclusion of press and public**

37.3 In accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ("the Act"), the Committee 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 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 100(l) of the Act).

37.4 **RESOLVED-** That the press and public not be excluded

**38 MINUTES**

38.1 **RESOLVED-** That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 October 2015 be approved and signed as the correct record.

38.2 As a matter arising, Councillor Atkinson asked if a workshop could be arranged for Members on the Air Quality Action Plan due to the importance of the subject.

38.3 The Chair answered that a workshop on the Air Quality Action Plan could be facilitated through the regular Members Training program with an invite sent to all councillors to attend.

## **39 CHAIRS COMMUNICATIONS**

39.1 The Chair relayed to the committee that Item 47: Brighton Station Taxi Provision would be deferred to the next committee meeting to allow further discussion with the relevant ward councillors.

## **40 CALL OVER**

40.1 The following items on the agenda were reserved for discussion:

- Item 44: Traveller Commission Strategy- Three Years On
- Item 45: Local Transport Plan: Future Priorities
- Item 46: Brighton Bikeshare
- Item 50: George Street Opening Hours Consultation

40.2 The Democratic Services Officer confirmed that the items listed above had been reserved for discussion and that the following reports on the agenda with the recommendations therein had been approved and adopted:

- Item 48: Parking Permit Review
- Item 49: Pedal Cycle Parking Places- TRO Objections

## **41 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

### **(a) Petitions**

#### **(i) Herbert Road Parking- Rachel Jeacock**

41.1 The Committee considered a petition signed by 36 people requesting Herbert Road be included in the proposed residents parking scheme for Fiveways agreed at the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee on 13 October 2015.

41.2 The Chair provided the following response:

*“Thank you for your Petition.*

*The Council did indeed consult over a very wide area in the Surrenden and Fiveways area and at Committee last month we did agreed to proceed with a parking scheme restricted mainly to the immediate Fiveways area that demonstrated a large degree of support for such a scheme.*

*That did not include Herbert Road or other roads in the immediate vicinity of Herbert Road where there was not overall support.*

*It was agreed that if difficulties do arise in roads outside this area following the introduction of this scheme then residents across a number of roads, would need to put together a petition covering a wider area and present this at a future Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee. And this is because other roads may be similarly*

*affected and as I'm sure you will understand, adding roads in one at a time is very confusing and very costly so we need to hear from the wider area to the west of Balfour Road.*

*This will then enable the Council to gauge the strength of feeling for a resident parking scheme across an overall area. If the area is highlighted by residents then this could be considered alongside the proposed consultation in the Preston Village area which is due to start from summer 2016".*

41.3 **RESOLVED-** That the petition be noted.

**(ii) New Church Road Crossing- Gilly Armstrong**

41.4 The Committee considered a petition signed by 105 people requesting the council install a zebra crossing on New Church Road, close to Saxon Road, to improve pedestrian safety in the area.

41.5 The Chair provided the following response:

*"Thank you for your petition.*

*As you may be aware the council receives a number of requests for pedestrian crossing facilities and has a rolling programme of investment. The budget isn't as big as we would like and that does mean we have to prioritise as to where we direct our expenditure.*

*In terms of your request Road Safety Officers did look at this location earlier in the year and did look at the accident record. I can report that this area does have a good safety record and that no pedestrians have been involved in any accidents in the past 5 years. Although I fully appreciate areas can feel unsafe, in order for the council to direct its expenditure, the council does need a wide-range of evidence.*

*However I will ask officers to continue to monitor the area and report back to committee if problems become apparent".*

41.6 **RESOLVED-** That the petition be noted.

**(b) Written Questions**

**(i) Church Road, South Portslade- Rae Powers**

41.7 Rae Powers presented the following question:

*"As you may know, this is Road Safety Week. But this week is no different for the children and families of St Peter's School. Every day we continue to risk our lives along Church Road, competing with loaded HGVs, commuter buses and speeding cars. We are here for the third time in three years. One year ago you voted to provide a school crossing patrol, followed by a new zebra crossing. Neither promise has been delivered. How will the ETS committee and Road Safety Team be accountable to our community and fulfil commitments to improve the crossing on Church Road?"*

41.8 The Chair provided the following response:

*"As you may know, this is Road Safety Week. But this week is no different for the children and families of St Peter's School. Every day we continue to risk our lives along Church Road, competing with loaded HGVs, commuter buses and speeding cars. We are here for the third time in three years. One year ago you voted to provide a school crossing patrol, followed by a new zebra crossing. Neither promise has been delivered. How will the ETS committee and Road Safety Team be accountable to our community and fulfil commitments to improve the crossing on Church Road?"*

41.9 The Chair provided the following response:

*"Thank you Rae for your question and your continuing contributions to road safety issues in the area.*

*In regard to your question on the progress of a School Crossing Patrol Officer we undertook recruitment drive in June and July but were unable to find a suitable candidate for the post. However, we will be advertising the post again shortly and I understand you have agreed to help in this process so will ask officers to contact you shortly so that the community can help to find a suitable person. This help is very much welcomed as school crossing patrol officers can be very difficult to recruit. In relation to your request for a Zebra Crossing, you will remember that it was actually agreed at this committee to carry out another assessment once the School Crossing Patrol had become established and more people cross at this location. As you will also be aware, the council introduced painted pinch points to help speeds and introduced new electronic warning signs for drivers and will continue to monitor the situation".*

41.10 Rae Powers asked the following supplementary question:

*"If a School Crossing Patrol Officer cannot be recruited, what will lead to a crossing being put in?"*

41.11 The Chair provided the following response:

*"The School Crossing Patrol post will be re-advertised and I'm afraid it did get caught up in the council's recruitment freeze and I'm sure you understand that we have to be rigorous in terms of our cash controls at the moment due to the budgetary position. There has now been clearance for the post to be re-advertised and that will now happen.*

*We can also monitor the effect that the additional improvements have made in terms of where pedestrians are crossing and if necessary we can then re-assess with a view to a potential crossing".*

**(c) Deputations**

**(i) Surrenden & Fiveways Parking, Balfour Road- Gordon MacDonald**

41.12 The Committee considered a Deputation requesting Balfour Road be included within the Fiveways residents parking scheme agreed by the Committee at its meeting on 13 October 2015.

41.13 The Chair provided the following response:

*“Thank you for your detailed deputation.*

*At the last Committee meeting it was agreed to proceed with a parking scheme in the Fiveways area for those roads that had shown clear majority support across the area. It did not include Balfour Road or other roads in the immediate vicinity to the west of Balfour Road.*

*It was made clear in the consultation documents that other roads may vote in favour of a scheme and respondents from Balfour Road voted narrowly against proceeding with a parking scheme for their road.*

*The issues regarding school permits being issued to local schools if Balfour Road was included was also highlighted in the last committee meeting which gave the go-ahead for the statutory phase of the consultation for the identified new zone.*

*It was agreed that if difficulties arise in roads outside this area following the introduction of this scheme then residents as an overall area, and I'd like to stress that, would need to put together a petition and present this at a future Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee.*

*This will enable the committee to gauge the strength of feeling across the area for a resident parking scheme. We could then re-consult along with the planned consultation in the Preston Village area which begins from summer 2016”.*

41.14 **RESOLVED-** That the Deputation be noted.

## **42 ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL**

### **(a) Petitions**

#### **(i) Elm Trees, New Church Road- Councillor Cobb**

42.1 The Committee considered a petition referred from the Full Council meeting on 22 October 2015 and signed by 100 people requesting the council ensure that Brighton College fund the replacement of elm trees that had been felled on its New Church Road property.

42.2 The Chair provided the following response:

*“It is very sad that we have lost 14 elm trees in the Westbourne area and this highlights how devastating the effects of Dutch Elm Disease can be. The outbreak was the consequence of healthy trees on the grounds of St Christopher’s school being cut back for maintenance some two years ago. Unfortunately the off cuts were kept on the school grounds rather than removed and these became a breeding ground for the beetle that causes spreads of Dutch Elm Disease.*

*When street trees became infected in the area our officers carried out an investigation and quickly found the source of the outbreak. Unfortunately by this stage 10 of our street trees were infected and had to be cut down to contain the outbreak.*

*The representatives from the school were very upset by the fact that their premises were the source of the outbreak and have cooperated fully with the council to contain the disease. We have cleared and destroyed all the wood that has been infected and are keeping a close eye on the area.*

*It is our aspiration to see the trees replaced, and whilst budget reductions mean this isn’t currently possible, we will continue to explore ways of how funding the replacement trees can be achieved”*

42.3 **RESOLVED-** That the petition be noted.

#### 43 **MEMBER INVOLVEMENT**

##### (c) **Letters**

###### (i) **Parking Zones- Councillor Taylor**

43.1 The Committee considered a Letter from Councillor Taylor requesting the Committee receive a report reviewing parking zones to ease displacement issues in the Withdean ward area.

43.2 The Chair provided the following response:

*“Thank you for your letter.*

*Before finalising the arrangements for this parking area, Officers undertook extensive surveys of existing parking patterns as well as a thorough review of the consultation results before designing the appropriate number of resident parking places.*

*In total there are 973 available spaces for residents to park with a permit in the proposed Area F in the Fiveways area and this accounts for 94.5% of the available parking.*

*This is a similar percentage to other parking schemes across the City so it is felt that a review of resident parking wouldn't achieve any significant extra spaces and may also impact on blue badge users and areas for visitors to park for shops.*

*Area J and E are a similar percentage of about 95% designated for residents and a review would require extra resources and is unlikely to increase the amount of spaces available to residents”.*

43.3 **RESOLVED-** That the Letter be noted.

###### (ii) **Cycle Parking- Councillor West**

43.4 The Committee considered a Letter from Councillor West requesting businesses be encouraged to install more cycle parking through S106 opportunities and that a certain number of cycle parking places under the potential Bikeshare Scheme be allocated to non-scheme bikes.

43.5 The Chair provided the following response:

*“Thank you for your letter.*

*In Brighton & Hove the number of people travelling to work by bike doubled between 2001-2011 and our automatic cycle counter figures show continues an upward trend in cycle use as a viable mode of transport in our city. As this continues, there will be increased demand for cycle parking which means that people park their bicycles and then go on to use shops and services when they get to them by bicycle and vice versa, that they have cycle parking available where they live. Particularly because of the density of people living in the city, often in houses converted to flats where retro-fitting cycle parking facilities can often be problematic.*

*This is also why we have received the report at ETS today regarding implementation of Pedal Cycle Parking Places, a rolling programme of cycle parking facilities which have*

*become increasingly popular and form a key contribution to improving conditions for cycling. This good quality cycle parking is carefully considered and can also de-clutter the streetscape, helping to reduce cycle related crime. The Council is committed to improving cycle parking facilities with LTP budget allocated to cycle parking on an annual basis.*

*The suggestion of incorporating public cycle parking alongside the introduction of a public bike sharing system is interesting. As you highlight this could avoid investing in a limited number of exclusive parking places for the BikeShare scheme and certainly may help wider appreciation of introducing BikeShare hubs if residents also benefit for their own bicycle security and storage.*

*I understand that officers are further refining the procurement specification for a BikeShare operation and will request that your suggestion can be given consideration through the procurement process”.*

43.6 **RESOLVED-** That the Letter be noted.

**(d) Notices of Motion**

**(i) Green Group- Space for Cycling**

43.7 The Committee considered a Notice of Motion on behalf of the Green Group requesting the council sign-up to the Space for Cycling Campaign.

43.8 Introducing the amendment, Councillor West stated that creating the conditions to encourage cycling was vitally important in creating cycle-friendly streets and increasing sustainable transport levels. Councillor West noted that cycling rates in the city was low amongst children was low due to their perception of safety. Likewise, there was a gender imbalance of cyclist’s similarly due to the safety concerns. Councillor West noted that whilst a lot of work was going into increasing cycling rates in Brighton and elsewhere across the country, significantly more could be done.

43.9 Seconding the motion, Councillor Greenbaum noted that there were 175 premature deaths in the city caused by poor air quality and it was crucially important that cycling as a sustainable method of transport be encouraged and maximised to minimise the effects of pollution and create a better environment for all.

43.10 Councillor Janio stated that the opportunity and conditions for people to cycle must be provided although all methods of transport should be at a level playing field and encouraging cycling should not be operated by diktat. Councillor Janio moved the following amendment to the motion as shown in bold italics below:

The Committee notes:

- The benefits cycling brings and the investments made in the city supporting cycling that have led to a rise in cycling and gained national and international recognition;

The Committee requests:

- ~~that the Chief Executive sign-up Brighton & Hove City Council to the Space for Cycling campaign~~

- *That a report be brought to the next committee meeting outlining the costs and benefits in joining the Space for Cycling campaign*
- that the Chief Executive write to the Secretary of State for Transport calling for increased funding to support cycling;
- Ask all Members to consider joining the campaign;
- That improvement to cycle infrastructure be identified as a priority in the Local Transport Plan.

43.11 Seconding the motion, Councillor Theobald stated that he would like to receive an officer report on the matter as he was not sure what the campaign was or what joining would mean for the council.

43.12 The Chair put the amendment to the vote which failed.

43.13 The Chair put the substantive motion to the vote which passed.

#### 43.14 **RESOLVED-**

The Committee notes:

- The benefits cycling brings and the investments made in the city supporting cycling that have led to a rise in cycling and gained national and international recognition;

The Committee requests:

- that the Chief Executive sign-up Brighton & Hove City Council to the Space for Cycling campaign
- that the Chief Executive write to the Secretary of State for Transport calling for increased funding to support cycling;
- Ask all Members to consider joining the campaign;
- That improvement to cycle infrastructure be identified as a priority in the Local Transport Plan.

#### 44 **TRAVELLER COMMISSIONING STRATEGY: THREE YEARS ON**

44.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Executive Director Environment, Development & Housing that provided an annual monitoring update on the Traveller Commissioning Strategy in accordance with the recommendations of the Traveller Scrutiny Panel held in 2012.

44.2 Councillor Theobald stated that the issue of Traveller's was an important one in the Patcham ward he represented and he had been asked by residents to raise a number of questions. Councillor Theobald stated that although there was central government guidance on traveller sites, this was not a directive as to the minimum number. Councillor Theobald noted that there was no mention in the strategy regarding fly-tipping and the condition that sites should be left in. Councillor Theobald asked for an update as to progress on the Horsdean site as he understood there had been a number of issues relating to drilling under the A27 that could lead to increase cost. Councillor Theobald noted that under Section 62 of their powers, Sussex Police could only direct



unauthorised encampments to within the Brighton & Hove boundary. This put Brighton & Hove at a disadvantage as the city boundary was much smaller than neighbouring authorities such as East and West Sussex. Councillor Theobald asked if the legislation on this issue could be looked at and amended to reflect Police areas as opposed to local authority boundaries.

- 44.3 The Housing Strategy Manager clarified that in relation to the Horsdean site, there had been an issue drilling under the A27 but the work was still scheduled to meet the timetable for completion in June 2016. In relation to central government guidance on site provision, the Planning Manager stated that national policy did require the authority to undertake a gypsy and traveller area assessment and to produce a technical report on the number of spaces required. In the Brighton & Hove administrative area, this had been set at 32. Brighton & Hove City Council had to demonstrate whether it could meet that requirement and as with general housing, it may be that the council could not provide evidence that it could meet that requirement. The council would then have a duty in co-operation with other local authorities to examine methods to provide that unmet requirement. With regard to site refuse and fly-tipping on unauthorised encampments, the Head of Tenancy Services stated this was a problem and one that officers attempted to resolve by speaking with the community about the impact, cost and community relations of fly-tipping and site condition. In terms of prosecution on fly-tipping, it was very difficult to gather evidence that could identify the perpetrators although there had been some successful prosecutions. The Head of Tenancy Services added that she was aware that Cityclean would be enacting a strategy on waste enforcement in general and fly-tipping on unauthorised encampments would come under this strategy. There would also be a report coming to a future committee re-procuring the traveller waste management contract and measures on accountability would be specified within that. On the matter of Section 62 Order's, officers would welcome a change allowing direction of unauthorised encampments to outside the Brighton & Hove area due to its limited size but this was a national legislation that could only be changed by central government.
- 44.4 Councillor Theobald thanked officers for their contributions and asked if the issues detailed could be formally included in the Traveller Strategy.
- 44.5 The Housing Strategy Manager stated that this matter could be looked at for the Action Plan over the course of the next year.
- 44.6 The Chair supplemented that this was also an issue that could be included within the Planning Framework as it was a legitimate cross county border issue.
- 44.7 Councillor West stated that the challenges of lack of engagement and marginalisation demonstrated the urgent need for proper provision and he had a sense of frustration that the process of doing so had taken so long. Councillor West noted that the needs assessment had demonstrated that an additional 32 pitches were required and he hoped that the process of doing so would be quicker and more positive than had been the case for the Horsdean site. Councillor West supplemented that there was much to celebrate within the report and he expressed his commendation for work officers had undertaken with the traveller community on domestic and sexual violence, work on traveller health and work upon promoting the history of travellers in education.

- 44.8 Councillor Atkinson stated that the report covered an emotional and complex issue. Councillor Atkinson stated that this led to occasional difficult situations for the travelling community, local community and council officers but undoubtedly, Sussex Police and Traveller Liaison Team were doing everything possible to minimise these. Councillor Atkinson felt one area improvement might be the clear reporting to residents as the issue could often get misconstrued.
- 44.9 Councillor Robins noted that he had been a member of the original Scrutiny Panel; the result was a superb piece of work on the way forward. Councillor Robins stated that there was a tendency to marginalise the traveller and gypsy community in discussion of the matter. Councillor Robins noted that he suspected many councillors had not spoken to traveller communities even though many were from or based in Brighton and Hove. Councillor Robins stated that there would be a benefit for councillors to speak directly to the community as a method of serious engagement and not do so through a third-party.
- 44.10 Councillor Janio stated that he endorsed the comments made by Councillor Robins adding that he was a supporter of a permanent traveller site although perhaps not in the current location. Councillor Janio stated that councillors had a duty to break down the barrier that currently existed. In reference to the needs assessment, Councillor Janio asked for a clear steer on what the council was mandated to do with regarded to sites.
- 44.11 The Planning Manager stated that the council was mandated to look at requirements for need, with a technical study to examine how to meet the identified requirement.
- 44.12 **RESOLVED-**
- 1) That the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee notes the progress made, achievements and challenges in delivering the strategy (Appendix 1).
  - 2) That the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee notes the progress made in implementing the Scrutiny Panel recommendations (Appendix 2).

## **45 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN - FUTURE PRIORITIES**

- 45.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Executive Director, Environment, Development & Housing that outlined and recommended workstreams and projects for progression under the council's fourth Local Transport Plan (LTP4)
- 45.2 Councillor West stated that he was pleased to see the outcomes of the LTP were driven by reducing carbon output. However, he had particular concern for Preston Circus as a significant transport corridor and that it should be prioritised to link in with the ongoing regeneration of London Road and the forthcoming Valley Gardens scheme. Councillor West stated that he was aware improvement works at Preston Circus could be linked to the New England House development but there was no clear certainty on that matter. Councillor West supplemented that he was curious as to why Church Road had been listed as a priority as he was not convinced as to its comparative need for improvement.

- 45.3 Councillor Theobald noted that almost every committee meeting received a request from members of the public for a pedestrian crossing so priority should perhaps be given to more investment in that area.
- 45.4 The Head of Transport Policy & Strategy noted that investment in pedestrian crossings would be met under the continuation of existing programmes as referenced at paragraph 1.3 of the report. In addition, the council's capital programme gave further opportunity to request that a certain level of investment be made in this area. In reference to Preston Circus, the Head of Transport Policy & Strategy referred to paragraph 3.7 that identified expected progression through additional sources of funding including amongst others, the Local Growth Fund. In relation to Church Road, the Head of Transport Policy & Strategy referred to paragraphs 3.17 and 3.18 that highlighted deficiencies in accessibility and mobility in the area and the related need for investment.
- 45.5 Councillor Nemeth enquired as to the process of prioritisation for the projects presented in the report.
- 45.6 The Chair explained that the recommendations related to previous discussions at this committee and the Transport Partnership and there was a broad theme that investment be targeted toward neighbourhood areas, away from the city centre. Following identification, a matrix was compiled that assesses and ranked each location in terms of need to prioritise use of what was a limited and finite budget.
- 45.7 Councillor Janio moved a motion to amend recommendation 2.1 as shown in bold italics below:
- 2.1 That the Committee agrees that the following new Transport workstreams are prioritised to be developed and delivered as part of the council's Local Transport Plan capital programme between 2015/16 and 2018/19 in order to support the delivery of the city's and council's wider goals and objectives as set out in paragraphs 3.6 to 3.17 of the report:-
- 1) Policy development and strategies – a Transport Carbon Reduction Plan; and an Interchange Strategy (including provision for coaches, and their drivers and passengers);
  - 2) Projects – 'Gateway to the Sea' and Church Road, Hove; and Seafront Structures adjacent to the Waterfront Central development site; and
  - 3) Programmes of investment – Local Shopping Centre: Boundary/Station Road, Portslade ***and The Grenadier, Hangleton***
- 45.8 Introducing the amendment, Councillor Janio noted that he had brought a petition and Letter to the Committee on The Grenadier in Hangleton. Although some improvements had been made, the area was still in decline and although it was referenced in the report, it had not been prioritised.
- 45.9 Councillor Theobald formally seconded the motion.

- 45.10 The Chair asked officers if the request was feasible in terms of expenditure alongside the other proposals recommended to proceed.
- 45.11 The Head of Transport Strategy & Policy stated that the recommendations proposed had been made in view of the resources available and current commitments and to put forward additional projects would require a review of resources.
- 45.12 Councillor Robins stated that he welcomed the proposed improvements to Boundary Road/Station Road, Portslade and requested assurance that the local community would be engaged in what was necessary and needed.
- 45.13 Councillor Miller stated that he agreed with the strategic focus required referenced in the report and was encouraged that an investigation into a Park & Ride location was continuing. Councillor Miller suggested that any extension of the bus lane from Roedean to Greenways was not currently necessary and the expenditure should be diverted to other matters. Referencing page 143, Councillor Miller explained that the Co-op store not Tesco store caused more difficulties to traffic in the area.
- 45.14 Councillor Atkinson stated that he very much supported the focus on improvements to local shopping centres. Councillor Atkinson stated that whilst he had sympathy for the amendment put forward, he would not be supporting the motion as he felt Boundary Road/Station Road was in more urgent need of improvement. Boundary Road/Station Road had a very high number of collisions and amongst the lowest standards of air quality in the city.
- 45.15 Councillor Moonan praised the standard of report and its thorough technical detail. Councillor Moonan stated that Church Road was a major gateway across Hove and led to several local shopping areas including George Street and Blatchington Road.
- 45.16 The Chair stated that she had consulted with officers and had been advised that it would be possible to undertake a scoping exercise on potential improvements to The Grenadier local shopping centre in Hangleton.
- 45.17 Councillor Janio stated that on the basis of that assurance and commitment, he would withdraw his amendment.
- 45.18 **RESOLVED-**
- 1) That the Committee agrees that the following new Transport workstreams are prioritised to be developed and delivered as part of the council's Local Transport Plan capital programme between 2015/16 and 2018/19 in order to support the delivery of the city's and council's wider goals and objectives as set out in paragraphs 3.6 to 3.17 of the report:-
    - 1) Policy development and strategies – a Transport Carbon Reduction Plan; and an Interchange Strategy (including provision for coaches, and their drivers and passengers);
    - 2) Projects – 'Gateway to the Sea' and Church Road, Hove; and Seafront Structures adjacent to the Waterfront Central development site; and

- 3) Programmes of investment – Local Shopping Centre: Boundary/Station Road, Portslade
- 2) That the Committee agrees that the issues set out at paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5 and Appendix 1 of the report associated with Technology & Travel Information; Freight & Deliveries; and a Route/Corridor Hierarchy should be considered as part of the development of the Citywide 'Traffic' Network Management Strategy.

#### 46 BRIGHTON BIKESHARE

- 46.1. The Committee considered a report of the Acting Executive Director, Environment, Development & Housing that sought approval for the tendering of a concession agreement for the provision of a BikeShare scheme for the city subject to approval by the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership (C2C LEP) at its Local Transport Body (LTB) meeting scheduled for 26 November 2015. The report also sought agreement for the position of the council's representative to the LTB on a series of other recommendations for consideration at the same meeting.
- 46.2. Councillor Janio expressed his support for the proposals.
- 46.3. Councillor West welcomed the proposals and expressed credit to former Councillor Davey who had been instrumental in pursuing funding. Councillor West stated that he felt Preston Park station should be included in the scheme as it was an important link with the university base at Falmer and adjoined key cycle lanes.
- 46.4. The Chair stated that officers would pursue the proposals suggested by Councillor West.
- 46.5. Councillor Robins asked if there was an intention to take the scheme further westward to include Portslade Station as it would provide greater access to the west of the city and was a key link to the South Downs National Park.
- 46.6. Councillor Miller asked what percentage of revenue would be retained by the council as it was not detailed in the report and assumedly would be part of the tender process and also whether the procurement process would be 'open book'.
- 46.7. The Principal Transport Planning Officer stated that in terms of revenue, it was difficult at this stage to pinpoint what revenue would be generated that would be detailed through the procurement stage as there were a variety of options for scheme operation.
- 46.8. **RESOLVED-** That the Environment, Transport and Sustainability Committee:
- 1) Approves the tendering of a concession agreement for a BikeShare scheme for a term of three years with the option to extend for a period of two by two years (with a maximum potential extension period of four years), within which the operator, not the council, will take on the liability for any revenue losses during the first 3 years of the concession agreement.

- 2) Grants delegated authority to the Executive Director Environment, Development and Housing –
  - (i) to carry out the procurement of the concession agreement referred to in paragraph 2.1 above including the award and letting of the concession agreement; and
  - (ii) to grant up to two extensions to the concession agreement referred to in paragraph 2.1 above of two years each should he/she consider it appropriate at the relevant time.
- 3) Welcomes and fully supports the positive recommendations being made by the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership [LEP] to its Local Transport Body [LTB], as set out in paragraph 3.4 of this report, to fully approve the council's bid for Sustainability funding for a BikeShare scheme.
- 4) Agrees that consultation should be carried out with councillors, residents, businesses and relevant partners and stakeholders in the proposed scheme area as set out at section 5 of this report.
- 5) Notes that all of the recommendations above are subject to a successful outcome of the C2C LTB decision on providing full approval for funding from the Local Growth Fund (LGF) budget for the BikeShare scheme at the meeting due to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015.
- 6) Supports the recommendations being made by the LEP to the LTB, as summarised in Appendix 2 of this report, with respect to:-
  - a) LTB policy on Value for Money;
  - b) Crawley Area Sustainable Transport Package;
  - c) Sustainability schemes; and;
  - d) Resilience schemes.
- 7) Agrees the recommendations referred to in paragraphs 2.3 and 2.6 above may be subject to minor variations tabled at the Local Transport Body, which do not alter the substance of the decision.
- 8) Agrees that if an alternative (or new) recommendation is tabled during the Local Transport Body meeting which alters the substance of the original recommendation, a further decision will be sought from the Committee prior to proceeding.

## **47 PARKING PERMIT REVIEW.**

### **47.1 RESOLVED-**

- 1) That the Committee agrees the proposals outlined in Appendix A.
- 2) That the Committee agrees to a further investigation including a more detailed survey for the issues outlined in Appendix B. A report will be presented to a further Environment,

Transport & Sustainability Committee to outline the results of further investigation and agree a way forward.

#### 48 PEDAL CYCLE PARKING PLACES - TRO OBJECTIONS

48.1 **RESOLVED-** That, having taken account of all duly made representations and objections, Committee Members approve as advertised the following orders;

- Brighton & Hove Various Controlled Parking Zones Consolidation Order 2008 Amendment Order No.\* 20\*\* (ref: TRO-23a-2015)
- Brighton & Hove (Various Roads) (One Way) Traffic Order 2012 Amendment Order No. \* 201\* (ref: TRO-23b-2015)

#### 49 GEORGE STREET OPENING HOURS CONSULTATION

49.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Executive Director Environment, Development & Housing that set out the outcome of the recent consultation undertaken to change the opening hours to traffic in George Street.

49.2 Councillor West stated his support for the recommendation to maintain the current opening hours to traffic on George Street as it was clear to him that there was no discernible benefit to change them. Councillor West added that cars were not conducive to trade or shopping environments and expressed his view that a better use of officer time might have been to examine options to extend the hours George Street was closed to traffic in the winter.

49.3 Councillor Janio moved a motion to amend the recommendation as shown in bold italics below:

2.1 That Committee agrees that George Street ***change*** its current hours of operation (closure to traffic) ~~of to 10am- 6pm~~ ***4pm all year round*** ~~from the months of April to October and 10am to 4pm between November to March~~

49.4 Introducing the amendment, Councillor Janio stated that the results of the consultation demonstrated a clear steer from traders to increase the hours George Street was open to traffic and that should be supported.

49.5 Councillor Nemeth formally seconded the motion.

49.6 Councillor Moonan stated that George Street was based in her ward of Central Hove and she had listened and canvassed people in the area for their view. Whilst she was sympathetic to the trader's request, the feedback from the majority of residents was to maintain the status quo. The street shopping environment of George Street was very positive for the area and she would not be supporting the amendment proposed.

49.7 Councillor Nemeth stated that he regularly used George Street and supported the amendment as it would increase the appeal of visiting the street. Councillor Nemeth added that a time limit on opening to traffic would still be in place.

- 49.8 Councillor Robins stated that the street worked perfectly pedestrianised for the majority of the day and he saw no need to change the current restrictions.
- 49.9 The Chair then put the amendment to the vote which failed.
- 49.10 The Chair put the recommendations as detailed in the report to the vote which passed.
- 49.11 **RESOLVED-** That Committee agrees that George Street keeps its current hours of operation (closure to traffic) of 10am-6pm from the months of April to October and 10am to 4pm between November to March.

**50 ITEMS REFERRED FOR FULL COUNCIL**

- 50.1 No items were referred to Full Council for information.

The meeting concluded at 6.35pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

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