Regeneration & Transport Select Committee

A meeting of Regeneration & Transport Select Committee was held on Monday, 15th December, 2008.

Present: Cllr Maurice Perry(Chairman), Cllr Dick Cains(Vice-Chairman), Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr John Fletcher, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Bill Noble, Cllr Fred Salt

Officers: Bill Trewick, Karen Smith(DNS), Sarah Connolly, Michelle Jones, Chris Lunn, Kirsty Wannop(LD)

Also in attendance: PC Dawn Young (Cleveland Police), Ian McHugh(Cleveland Fire brigade)

Apologies: Cllr Michael Smith, Cllr Steve Walmsley

RTS Declarations of Interest

33/08

There were no declarations of interest.

RTS Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2008

34/08

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

RTS Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st December 2008

35/08

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2008.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2008 be forwarded to Council for consideration

RTS Review of Pavement Parking

36/08

Members received information from a representative of Cleveland Police, Cleveland fire brigade and an Enforcement Officer regarding issues they had with pavement parking. The Committee discussed the following issues:-

- Police would not enforce double or single yellow lines and would only enforce on the basis of obstruction and this included vehicle, animal, object causing obstruction on public pavement.

- Police would issue Fixed Penalty Notices to the sum of £30 and if further actions was needed would remove the obstruction be it a vehicle.

- The difference between the powers PC's and PCSO's, PCSO's cannot issue a ticket but would be able to gather evidence of the offence.

How it was difficult for enforcement around schools as there only 10 enforcement officers and over 90 schools, 60 of these were primary schools where it was more likely to be children getting picked up and parents waiting.
Enforcement had a priority list of schools which caused more problems than others.

- Enforcement officers can now give Penalty Charge Notices.

- Fire brigade do not really have problems with vehicles being parked on the pavement but if there was a problem they would liaise with enforcement and the police.

The Committee were informed that the police were doing a lot of work with schools on the matter with the idea that educating the children would hopefully educate the parents/guardians who were causing parking offences around the schools.

The representative for Cleveland Fire Brigade informed the Committee that there had been no reports in the last 12 months from crews regarding difficulty accessing a job due to obstructively parked vehicles. It was advised that if it was an emergency and a car was causing obstruction, they would not be as careful regarding parked cars and in past experiences, wing mirrors have been knocked off cars.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

RTS Review of Highway Network Management 37/08

Members considered a report that informed them of the results from the MORI survey, and were advised that a further, more detailed assessment of the results was being prepared by Policy, Performance and Communications

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

RTS Work Programme

38/08

Members discussed the work programme for the Committee and were asked by the chair to think of ideas for new review topics and to e-mail ideas to the Chair.

CONCLUDED that the work programme be noted.