

Regeneration & Transport Select Committee

A meeting of Regeneration & Transport Select Committee was held on Monday, 1st 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, Cllr Michael Smith

Officers: Mike Robinson, Bill Trewick, John McMahon, Andy Bryson(DNS), Sarah Connolly, Michelle Jones, Chris Lunn, Kirsty Wannop(LD)

Also in attendance: None

Apologies: Cllr Steve Walmsley

RTS 29/08 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

RTS 30/08 **Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2008**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2008.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2008 be forwarded to Council for consideration.

RTS 31/08 **Review of Pavement Parking**

Consideration was given to the report of B. Trewick, Traffic & Road Safety Manager, that provided Members with an overview of the issues that were caused by Pavement Parking. Photographic evidence of pavement parking and the issues caused by this were tabled.

Members noted that pavement parking could be controlled by imposing waiting restrictions since they generally applied to the back of the footway. It was also possible to introduce selective pavement/verge parking bans but resource issues would mean prioritisation would be necessary.

Members were informed that despite the recommendations of the Parliamentary Select Committee to make pavement parking illegal across the country, this was not seen as enforceable, and therefore there were no powers for authorities outside of London to police the issue other than when an obstruction was being caused. However, Section 19 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 stated that Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) were banned from parking on the pavement, although there were exemptions to this including to load and unload at locations where it was necessary to mount the pavement.

Members discussed the following issues:-

- The practice of work vehicles being taken home and the issues this raised not only with Insurance but the vehicle parking outside residential properties.
- Planning issues for new developments and ensuring that there was sufficient provision of parking spaces to avoid pavement parking.

- Possible deterrents for pavement parking, which included bollards, double yellow lines, designated residential parking zones, and planters. It was acknowledged that different measures were needed in different areas. The cost of enforcement and upkeep of such measures were also discussed.
- The durability of flexible footways compared to paving stones, and how this alleviated some of the cost of upkeep of pavements.
- The trend for the majority of residents to use garages for purposes other than storage of their vehicles.

It was noted that there was approximately £450,000 - £480,000 budgeted annually for repairs to pavements, and this came from the core budget rather than funding streams. It was also noted that theoretically SBC could claim the cost of repair for a footpath from the owner of a vehicle that has caused damage, however in practice this proved to be very difficult.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

RTS **Work Programme**
32/08

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.

The Committee were also informed that progress reports on the reviews of School Transport Plans, Street Lighting, and Employability were due to be considered at the next meeting.

CONCLUDED that the work programme be noted.