

Regeneration & Transport Select Committee

A meeting of Regeneration & Transport Select Committee was held on Monday, 5th January, 2009.

Present: Cllr Maurice Perry(Chairman), Cllr Dick Cains(Vice-Chairman), Cllr John Fletcher, Cllr Bill Noble, Cllr Fred Salt, Cllr Michael Smith

Officers: Mike Robinson, Richard Bradley, Richard McGuickin, Peter Whaley(DNS), Sarah Connolly, Michelle Jones, Kirsty Wannop(LD)

Also in attendance: None

Apologies: Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Steve Walmsley

RTS 39/08 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

RTS 40/08 Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th December 2008.

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2008.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2008 be forwarded to Council for consideration.

RTS 41/08 Review of Pavement Parking

Members of the Committee received information from CfYA Service Manager, Planning Services Area Team Leader, Built and Natural Environment Manager. The Committee discussed the following:-

- A pavement inspection process was in place, with all roads and footpaths being inspected a minimum of twice per year. More frequently used footpaths were inspected on a three month basis, and high used footpaths were inspected on a month basis. Areas highlighted by ward councillors and/or members of the public were also inspected.
- 1000 complaints had been received in the first six months of 2008 regarding flagged pavements, and 110 complaints were received regarding verges. 850 square metres of paving stones were renewed at a cost of £55,000.
- Tarmac was cheaper to purchase and was easier and less costly to maintain than flags. There were no drainage issues associated with tarmac.
- There were other variables that caused damaged to footpaths, such as tree roots and utility services, however vehicle overrun was the main cause.
- Planning decisions caused problems when not enough parking allocated or/and the parking space was not use appropriately e.g. garages used as another room rather than as parking.
- When a planning application was submitted, the necessary checks on whether there was adequate parking for the proposed development were carried out.
- Planning followed the guidance of Local Assessment Framework and, for

example, a three bedroom house would be allocated 2 parking spaces.

Members raised issues regarding people taking work vehicles home and not having enough parking available so have to park on the pavement and sometimes had caused obstruction. A discussion also took place on methods to secure grass verges, such as grasscrete, and it was noted that research had been carried out by the authority on the possibility of using such methods, which would be forwarded to the Committee.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted

**RTS
42/08** **Feedback from Consultation**
- Focus Group
- Disability Advisory Group

Members considered notes from three Focus Groups held on 9th December 2008 and the Disability Advisory Group which the Chair attended on 11th December 2008. The main issues raised by those at the group meetings were identified, which included the problems of parking on new housing estates, due to the design of those estates, and the inadequacy of the 10 minute parking restriction for loading and unloading on yellow lines for those with a disability. It was clarified by officers that the 10 minute restriction did not apply for blue badge holders.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

**RTS
43/08** **Work Programme**

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.