

## Place Select Committee

A meeting of Place Select Committee was held on Monday, 15th November, 2021.

**Present:** Cllr Chris Barlow(Chairman), Cllr Mohammed Javed(Vice-Chairman), Cllr Louise Baldock, Cllr Pauline Beall, Cllr Luke Frost, Cllr Stefan Houghton, Cllr Hugo Stratton, Cllr Hilary Vickers, Cllr Bill Woodhead MBE

**Officers:** Simon Milner, Andy Corcoran, Tony Wrigglesworth (CS&T), Judy Trainer, Abbie Wild (MD)

**Also in attendance:** None.

**Apologies:** None.

**PLA      Evacuation Procedure**

**21/21**

The evacuation procedure was noted.

**PLA      Declarations of Interest**

**22/21**

There were no declarations of interest.

**PLA      Minutes**

**23/21**

Consideration was given to the minutes from the meeting held on 13 September 2021.

AGREED that the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

**PLA      Scrutiny Review of Highways Asset Management (inc Potholes and Flooding)**

**24/21**

Consideration was given to the draft final report and recommendations.

The key issues were highlighted as follows:

- Members asked if graphs and pictures could be made clearer. Officers confirmed that graphs could be enlarged to make the text clearer.
- Members questioned recommendation 6 and the context of the letter sent to local MPs to lobby Central Government for additional funding. Officers stated that this letter can be circulated to members.
- Councillors highly praised officers for their work on the review and for the in-depth nature of the review. Councillors were also pleased with the recommendations and how the review had raised awareness of the issue of funding.

AGREED that the final report be approved for submission to Cabinet subject to the above amendment.

**PLA      Scrutiny Review of Residents Parking Zones**

**25/21**

Consideration was given to the Scope and Project Plan of Residents Parking

Zones.

Members received a verbal overview of what would be covered in the review which included:

- The need for a revised parking policy. The current parking policy was created in 2004 and has not been revised since.
- Awareness of the increased need for parking, particularly in areas close to businesses and housing.
- Discussions with other local authorities who have already implemented RPZs
- The costs involved with introducing RPZs from the cost to the individual, the council and enforcement.

The Committee requested the further information as follows:

- Members stated the issue of current RPZs in wards however issues with enforcement. Officers outlined that there will be a focus on previous RPZs to identify the successes and improvements that can be made.
- Members outlined that people are misinformed to believe that with a permit in a RPZ they would be guaranteed a parking space outside of their home. The issue of households having multiple cars was raised.
- Officers agreed that there needs to be investigation into previous RPZs and what worked well and why
- Members asked for a greater balance between business and residents needs as well as other parking situations such as leisure facilities, parks and schools to be considered. Officers agreed to expand recommendations to include.
- As well as Tees Valley Councils being considered, members requested RPZs across country to be considered to identify best practice and improvements that can be made. Officers agreed to consult with other councils across the country.
- Members addressed the difference in building regulations for new build housing compared to older properties in terms of parking provisions.

AGREED that:

- 1) The draft scope and project plan of the review be approved subject to the amendments above.

**PLA  
26/21**

### **Select Committee Work Programme and Chair's Update**

Consideration was given to Work Programme.

Members requested an update for Review of Parking on Grass Verges (Task and Finish).

AGREED that the Work Programme be noted.

