

Place Select Committee

A meeting of Place Select Committee was held on Monday, 13th December, 2021.

Present: Cllr Chris Barlow (Chairman), Mohammed Javed (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Louise Baldock, Cllr Pauline Beall, Cllr Stefan Houghton, Cllr Hugo Stratton, Cllr Hilary Vickers.

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

Also in attendance: None.

Apologies: Cllr Luke Frost, Cllr Bill Woodhead MBE.

**PLA
27/21** **Evacuation Procedure**

The evacuation procedure was noted.

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28/21** **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

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29/21** **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the minutes from the meeting held on 15 November 2021.

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

**PLA
30/21** **Scrutiny Review of Residents Parking Zones**

The Select Committee received a background presentation regarding the following Key Lines of Enquiry from the review scope:

- Background and objectives for the review.
- Current policy and approach
- What is a Residents Parking Zone (RPZ) existing RPZ's and what is the legislative framework for RPZ's?
- Issues and objectives of having an RPZ
- Pros and cons of RPZ's.
- Overview of future evidence gathering sessions.

The key issues were highlighted as follows:

- Members discussed the importance of unpicking the balance between the views of residents as well as local businesses, visitors to local attractions such as parks and also school drop off and pick up points
- Members questioned the detail of the current RPZ policy, in particular the scope to consider any issues that might arise from an RPZ. Members were informed that the current policy in place has not been updated since 2004 and therefore there was a need to update it and scope to extend the narrative and procedures following the review
- Members highlighted the need to inform residents on all aspects of RPZ's, such as the cost, the implications for multi car households and that they

would not be guaranteed a parking space directly outside their home. Members also highlighted the importance of explaining why certain areas might need RPZ's, such as older areas of the Borough where parking spaces were not part of the design or planning regulations at the time of development.

- It was confirmed that the Council's policy was that two-thirds of residents responding to a consultation needed to support a scheme. Following this, a formal process would commence as part of the Traffic Regulation Order process.
- Members discussed awareness raising for enforcement of RPZ's with acknowledgement that the current £10 charge for a permit was outdated and did not reflect the cost of enforcing all RPZ's. Members also noted the sense of realism needed in terms the ability of enforcing all RPZ's within the Borough.
- Members also suggested if an increase in the cost of an RPZ was agreed, it would seem sensible for recently installed zones to be increased last in order to remain fair to residents within them. Depending on the size of any increase there might need to be further consultation with residents of existing scheme; this was something which would need to be considered as part of review.
- Equality Impact Assessments might be needed as part of a future process.

The Committee requested the following further information:

- Mapping out of the current process for the introduction of an RPZ
- Further details of each existing zone and when they were established
- Further details of the cost to the Council of administering schemes
- How other Authorities implement RPZ's and what best practice exists

AGREED that:

- 1) the information be noted.
- 2) the further information be provided as requested.

PLA **Chair's Update and Work Programme**
31/21

AGREED that the Work Programme be noted.