

PLACE SELECT COMMITTEE

A meeting of Place Select Committee was held on Monday 11 March 2024.

Present: Cllr Richard Eglington (Chair), Cllr Katie Weston (Vice-Chair), Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Stefan Houghton, Cllr Shakeel Hussain, Cllr Marilyn Surtees, Cllr Hilary Vickers and Cllr John Coulson (sub for Cllr Andrew Sherris).

Officers: Marc Stephenson (AH&WB), Simon Grundy (DCE & FT&P), Anthony Wilton (CS,E&C) and Michelle Gunn (CS).

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Andrew Sherris and Cllr Sylvia Walmsley.

PLA/36/23 Evacuation Procedure

The Committee noted the evacuation and housekeeping procedure.

PLA/37/23 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

PLA/38/23 Minutes

AGREED the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

PLA/39/23 Scrutiny Review of (Unauthorised) Roadside Advertising

The Select Committee received a presentation from Planning Services. The presentation included:

- Advertisement legislation
- What is an advert
- Adverts excluded from direct control
- Adverts with deemed consent
- Adverts which required express consent of the Local Authority

The main issues highlighted and discussed were as follows:

- Most advertisements placed on the roadside followed the planning guidelines.
- There had not been any reports or trends of advertisements/signage causing accidents
- There were sites within the Borough where repeated offences had taken place, and these were monitored.
- Majority of calls regarding roadside advertising came through community safety, who would deal with small scale issues such as fly posting by issuing Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN). When less clear or bigger issues were reported community safety would pass on to planning services.

- If there was an issue with an advertisement, then planning service would follow the government guidance to deal with it.
- There was an issue with roadside advertising three years ago however, due to new legislation giving more powers for enforcement and switching to giving out Community Protection Notices (CPN), it now made up less than 1% of calls received

Input would be sought from the Officer Traffic Group and Royal National Institute of the Blind People. Members felt that, as community safety now had the powers they needed to deal with (unauthorised) roadside advertising and it was no longer an issue, no further information would be needed.

AGREED that the presentation be noted

PLA/40/23 Chair's Update and Work Programme 2023/24

Consideration was given to the Work Programme.

The next meeting would be held on Monday 15 April 2024.

AGREED that the Work Programme be noted.