

Minutes of the Meeting of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on 27 March 2018

PRESENT -

Councillor John Beckett (Chairman); Councillor Peter O'Donovan (Vice-Chairman); Councillors Alex Coley, Neil Dallen (as nominated substitute for Councillor Richard Baker), Rob Geleit, Jane Race, Mike Teasdale, Peter Webb (as nominated substitute for Councillor Steve Bridger) and Tella Wormington

In Attendance: Steve Howard (Transport Strategy Project Manager) (Surrey County Council) (Items 29 - 32 only)

Absent: Councillor Richard Baker, Councillor Steve Bridger and Councillor Lucie Dallen

Officers present: Damian Roberts (Chief Operating Officer), Rod Brown (Head of Housing and Community), Richard Chevalier (Parking Manager), Rachel Jackson (Licensing, Grants and HIA Manager) (Items 29 - 32 only), Karol Jakubczyk (Planning Policy Manager) (Items 29 - 32 only), Sue Emmons (Senior Accountant) and Tim Richardson (Democratic Services Officer)

29 QUESTION TIME

No questions had been submitted or were asked by members of the public.

30 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by Councillors regarding items on the agenda.

31 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 30 January 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

32 TAXI RANK TRAFFIC ORDER EPSOM HIGH STREET

The Committee received a report presenting representations received in response to the advertisement of a Parking Place Order for Hackney Carriages. The proposed Order was to cover the area between 112 (at the eastern extent) and 122 (at the western extent) High Street, Epsom. It was also proposed that the appointment of the existing established Hackney Carriage Rank situated by the Clock Tower, High Street, Epsom should be cancelled.

The Committee received a verbal representation from Mr Richard Massett, Chairman of the Licensed Taxi Driver's Association with regard to the report.

The Committee considered the report and representations received. The following matters were noted:

- a) **Rationale for scheme.** The Committee was informed of the of public consultation activities undertaken since 2015 which had included the proposal to relocate the taxi rank. Alternative locations for the rank had been considered during the planning and consultation process, but all had been found to be less suitable than the proposed site.
- b) **Benefits of the proposed new rank.** The Committee was informed that the new location would provide and enable a number of benefits, including improved accessibility for wheelchair users, prohibition of non-compliance from private hire vehicles and a reduction in congestion of the Spread Eagle and West Street/High Street junctions.
- c) **Future use of existing taxi rank location.** The Committee was informed that the existing taxi rank location would be utilised as an extension of the marketplace area following the traffic order for it being cancelled. Officers anticipated that this change would be implemented shortly after the establishment of the new rank.

Following consideration of the report and representations, the Committee:

- (1) Agreed that the Traffic Order for establishment of a new Taxi Rank should be made.
- (2) Agreed that the Traffic Order for the existing Taxi Rank by the Clock Tower, Epsom should be cancelled.

33 CHESSINGTON ROAD CAR PARK REPRESENTATIONS

The Committee received a report requesting it to consider the representations received in relation to the change of parking restrictions in Chessington Road car park (Richards Field). The Committee was asked to decide whether to continue, delay or not proceed with the proposal.

The following matter was considered:

- a) **Request from residents of Oakdale Road to delay implementation.** The Committee noted that residents of Oakdale Road had submitted a request that the implementation of the proposed parking restrictions be delayed until a Resident Parking Zone for the area was brought into effect by Surrey County Council (SCC). This would satisfy many of the concerns which residents had. An application for the Zone had been submitted to SCC by the residents, and SCC had informally indicated that it was possible that the Zone could be implemented by December 2018.

Accordingly, the Committee considered the representations received in relation to the change of parking restrictions in Chessington Road car park (Richards Field) in West Ewell and decided:

- (1) To continue with the proposal but defer its implementation until Surrey County Council implemented a residents parking zone in Oakdale Road.

34 PROPOSED USE OF CANCER CARE UNIT IN DEPOT ROAD CAR PARK

The Committee received a report presenting a request from the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust for agreement to situate a mobile chemotherapy unit in Depot Road car park every Friday.

Following consideration, the Committee:

- (1) Agreed for a mobile chemotherapy unit to be sited in Depot Road car park within six parking bays to the east of the car park adjacent to the electrical sub-station.
- (2) Agreed that the proposal be progressed on a cost neutral basis to the Council with expected parking charges and legal costs being covered by the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust.
- (3) Agreed for the Head of Customer Services and Business Support or the Parking Manager in conjunction with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Environment Committee, to negotiate terms of the agreement.

35 UPDATING EPSOM CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Committee received a report presenting revisions to the regulations relating to internment, memorials and inscriptions within Epsom cemetery. The following matter was noted:

- a) **Typographical corrections.** The Committee noted that there were typographical errors in the regulation numbering, and that these would be corrected in the final version. It was also noted that references to branded artificial grass products in the regulations would be replaced with the term 'artificial grass'.

Following consideration, the Committee:

- (1) Approved the revised cemetery regulations as set out in Annexe 1 to the report.

36 VOTE OF THANKS

The Chairman informed the Committee that this was his last meeting as its Chairman, and thanked the Members for their support over the past 4 years. The Chairman expressed that he had felt privileged to have undertaken the role.

The Committee passed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for all his work on its behalf over the past 4 years, noting the successes that its services had achieved during that period.

The meeting began at 7.30 pm and ended at 8.10 pm

COUNCILLOR JOHN BECKETT (CHAIRMAN)