

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD - 28 JANUARY, 2016
ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS CABINET BOARD

Cabinet Board Members:

Councillors: E.V.Latham (Chairperson) and Mrs.S.Miller

Officer in Attendance:

Mrs.T.Davies

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor E.V.Latham be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS CABINET BOARD HELD ON 17 DECEMBER, 2015**

Noted by the Committee.

3. **HARBOUR REVISION ORDERS**

Decisions:

1. That the Authority's consultation response (as detailed at Appendix A to the circulated report) to the Marine Management Organisation in relation to the applications for Harbour Revision Orders for the Port of Neath and Port of Swansea, be approved;
2. That the Head of Planning be authorised to send the consultation response to the Marine Management Organisation;
3. That the Head of Planning be given delegated powers to authorise any further responses to consultations from the Marine

Management Organisation relating to the Harbour Revision Orders as proposed, or as may be amended.

Reasons for Decisions:

1. To keep Members apprised of the consultation request from the Marine Management Organisation and to allow for the Council's consultation response to be approved by Members;
2. To allow the approved consultation response to be sent to the Marine Management Organisation;
3. To allow a timely response on any subsequent amendments to the proposed Harbour Revision Orders that may be received from the Marine Management Organisation.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions are for immediate implementation, the Chairperson of the Scrutiny Committee had agreed to this course of action and therefore there would be no call in of these decisions.

Consultation:

This item has been subject to internal consultation.

4. **SAVINGS IN PUBLIC LIGHTING**

Decision:

That the previously agreed saving strategy with respect to street lighting (ENV550, Draft Budget Strategy 2016/17 report to Cabinet, 30 September 2015) for 2016/17 be amended from being achieved by 'part-night' switching off of lighting, to being achieved by dimming, as detailed in the circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

To assist in meeting savings requirements under the Council's Forward Financial Plan.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

The item has been subject to external consultation.

5. **ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY 2015-2020**

Decision:

That the Road Safety Strategy 2015 – 2020, as detailed in the circulated report, be commended to Council for adoption.

Reason for Decision:

To formalise Road Safety delivery for 2015 – 2020 in line with the UK Government Strategic Framework for Road Safety and the Welsh Government Road Safety Framework for Wales.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after consideration and approval by Council.

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

6. **VEHICLE FLEET PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME 2016-17**

Decision:

That the Vehicle Procurement Programme for 2016/17, as detailed at Appendix A to the circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the fleet to be more fuel efficient by producing better MPGs and reducing the carbon footprint of the Council by lower emissions.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

7. **TRANSPORT TENDERS**

Decision:

That the retendering of transport contracts, as detailed within the circulated report, be noted.

8. **TRAFFIC ORDER - CRAMIC WAY**

Decision:

That the objections (as detailed within the circulated report) be upheld in part, and that approval be given for the revised scheme to be advertised as indicated on the plans (Appendix C and Appendix D to the circulated report) and subject to there being no objections, for the Order to be implemented (as detailed within the circulated report).

Reason for Decision:

To allow businesses to continue to trade, whilst at the same time preventing indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety within the immediate vicinity of the new Parkway Station, and to legalise the 30mph speed limit for Police enforcement.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

9. **TRAFFIC ORDER - PRINCESS MARGARET WAY**

Members noted the verbal amendment given by Officers, whereby the Wards Affected should read Sandfields West, not Sandfields East.

Decision:

That the Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time Order on Princess Margaret Way, Aberavon, be advertised as indicated on the attached plan (Appendix A to the circulated report) and subject to there being no objections, the Order be implemented.

Reason for Decision:

To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

A consultation exercise will be carried out when the scheme is advertised.

10. **TRAFFIC ORDER - YNYSMAERDY ROAD**

Members noted the verbal amendment given by Officers, whereby the Wards Affected should read Briton Ferry East, not Briton Ferry West.

Decision:

That the Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time Order on Ynysmaerdy Road, Briton Ferry, be advertised as indicated on the attached plan (Appendix A to the circulated report) and subject to there being no objections, the Order be implemented.

Reason for Decision:

To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

A consultation exercise will be carried out when the scheme is advertised.

11. **TRAFFIC ORDERS - BRYN ROAD**

Decision:

That the objection be overruled and the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders, at Bryn Road, Cwmllynfell, be implemented as previously advertised, and the objector informed accordingly.

Reason for Decision:

To reduce speed and to prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

12. **TRAFFIC ORDERS - COPPERMINERS**

Decision:

That the proposed Traffic Orders (Prohibition of Waiting at any time Order on Cwmavon Road at its junction with the new access into the housing development and a One Way System within the estate) at Copperminers, Cwmavon, be advertised as indicated on the attached plan (Appendix A to the circulated report) and subject to there being no objections, the Order be implemented.

Reason for Decision:

To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

13. **TRAFFIC ORDERS - JERSEY MARINE VILLAGE**

Decisions:

1. That the objections (as detailed within the circulated report) be upheld in part in so far as it relates to the relocation of the priority build out north east of Allt y Grug and the proposed speed cushion be located next to the existing priority build out, illustrated at Appendix D to the circulated report;
2. That central islands and the associated road markings be implemented as part of the scheme, illustrated at Appendix D to the circulated report;
3. That all other Traffic Orders set out in the circulated report be implemented as previously advertised with the exception of the priority build out north east of Allt y Grug;
4. That objectors be advised accordingly.

Reason for Decisions:

To reduce speed and prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

14. **ALLEGED PUBLIC FOOTPATH TONCLWYDA TO FOOTPATH NO 7**

Decision:

That a Modification Order be made under the provisions of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to add the path A-B-C (as detailed in the circulated report) to the Definitive Map and Statement, and if no objections are received, to confirm the same as an unopposed Order.

Reason for Decision:

There is sufficient evidence to show that the public have been able to use the path A-B-C for the requisite minimum period of 20 years throughout 1995-2015.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

15. **PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH NO 41**

Members noted the verbal amendments to the circulated report:

Page 159 of the report states "Between points A and B" whereas it should read "Between points A and E".

Page 161 of the report reads "Removing the existing paths from A-B would be....." whereas It should read "Removing the existing paths from A-E would be"

Decision:

That a Diversion Order be made under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 to divert part of the footpath No. 41 from points A-E to A-B-C-D-E (as detailed within the circulated report), and if no objections are received to confirm the same as an unopposed Order.

Reason for Decision:

The grounds set out under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 can be satisfied and the owners and occupiers of the land wish to see this proposal progressed, and no objections have been made from any member of the public or the consulted organisations.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

16. **URGENCY ACTION 1272 - ROWANTREE AVE**

Decision:

That the following urgency action taken by the Director of Environment, in consultation with the requisite Members, be noted:-

Officer Urgency Action No. 1272, 17 November, 2015.

To serve Notice under Sections 289 and 290 of the Highways Act 1980 at Rowantree Avenue, Baglan.

17. **SIDE WASTE**

Following the recommendations from the Environment and Highways Scrutiny Committee (Side Waste report, 28 January 2016), including the extra recommendation as discussed in the meeting (decision number 4 below), Cabinet Board Members agreed the following:

Decisions:

1. That as an interim measure to be introduced in April 2016, black bag / wheeled bin waste collections should be restricted to one 140 litre wheeled bin plus one black bag per households (in areas on the wheeled bin service) or 4 black bags per household in all other areas;

2. That the Council introduce an exemption scheme for households that produce larger quantities of non-recyclable waste based, in the first instance, on a sticker scheme as detailed within the report of the Scrutiny Committee while the service monitors applications for exemptions which may show an alternative method would be more appropriate e.g. a larger wheeled bin;
3. That subsequently, black bag / wheeled bin waste collections should be restricted to one 140 litre wheeled bin per household (in areas on the wheeled bin service), or 3 black bags per household in all other areas, and these restrictions should be introduced after the Recycling + Phase 3 has been completed, that is spring 2017 at the earliest;
4. That the first refuse collection for households following Christmas, be exempt from restriction, as detailed within the circulated report;
5. That the Scrutiny Committee receive regular monitoring reports to monitor the effects of the new Policy;
6. That further recycling education schemes be developed and rolled out with a view to increasing recycling in the County Borough;
7. That the Council writes to the Welsh Government and the Minister for Natural Resources requesting that they continue to lobby retailers in relation to the packaging of products, and to inform the Council on what discussions have been held so far.

Reason for Decisions:

To implement a no side waste policy and appropriate exemption scheme to assist the Council with the aim of achieving future recycling targets set by the Welsh Government.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period.

18. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16**

Decision:

That the Forward Work Programme be noted.

19. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: That pursuant to Regulation 4(3) and (5) of Statutory Instrument 2001 No. 2290, the public be excluded for the following item of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

20. **URGENCY ACTION 1273 - ELECTRONIC TIME TABLES INFORMATION DISPLAYS**

Decision:

That the following private urgency action taken by the Director of Environment, in consultation with the requisite Members, be noted:-

Officer Urgency Action No. 1273, 12 January, 2016.

Electronic Time Tables Information Displays.

CHAIRPERSON