

ENVIRONMENT AND ACCESS PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**12 July 2004**Attendance:

Councillors:

Verney (Chairman) (P)

Bidgood (P)
Busher (P)
de Peyer (P)
Higgins (P)
Jackson (P)Jeffs (P)
Love (P)
Mather (P)
Nunn (P)
Wright (P)Others in Attendance who addressed the meeting:

Councillor Clohosey (Ward Member for Wickham)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Beveridge (Portfolio Holder for Planning) and Knasel (Portfolio Holder for Economy and Transport).

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee, held on 14 April 2004, be approved and adopted.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No statements were made or questions were received.

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Mather be appointed Vice-Chairman for the 2004-5 Municipal Year.

5. DATE AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

That the dates and times of the future meetings of the Committee be agreed as set out in calendar of meetings.

6. **PARKING CHARGES IN THE SQUARE, WICKHAM**

(Report EA33 refers)

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Clohosey spoke as a Ward Member in support of the recommendations within the report.

The Committee noted that the proposals had come from Wickham Parish Council and were supported by both Ward Members and, through a public meeting organised by the Parish Council, a large number of local residents. The Director of Development Services confirmed that the proposals for pay and display charges would make car parking enforcement more efficient.

Members considered the maximum stay period and noted that free car parking was available at both the Wickham Community Centre and the Station.

In response to comments, the Director confirmed improvements to the surfacing and lighting at the free car park at Wickham Station would be considered for inclusion in the next capital programme.

After considering the proposals, the Committee agreed to recommend them to Cabinet for approval. Members further suggested that consideration should be given to introducing double yellow-lines along the entrances of some of the surrounding residential roads. This was to prevent cars, that would have otherwise parked for free in The Square, parking on the corners of nearby residential streets. It was also suggested that signage would be erected to direct drivers to the availability of long-term parking.

RESOLVED:

That it be recommended to Cabinet that:

1. That parking charges be introduced in The Square, Wickham using pay and display equipment, with a charging period Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm.
2. That the level of charges be: Free up to ½ hour, 10p up to 1 hour, 50p up to 2 hours, with a maximum stay of 2 hours.
3. That the City Secretary and Solicitor be authorised to amend the Off-Street Parking Places Order accordingly following appropriate advertising of the changes to the Order.
4. That consideration be given to introducing double yellow-lines at the entrances of surrounding roads and to improvements to the lighting and surfacing of Wickham Station Car Park.

7. **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT: WORKLOAD (JANUARY – MARCH 2004 AND APRIL - JUNE 2004)**

(Report EA37 refers)

The Committee noted the workload and performance and discussed the options for notifying Parish Councils of enforcement cases. After discussion, it was agreed that the current practise should continue whereby the decision to pursue enforcement action be delegated to Officers who notified the relevant Ward Member who in turn, used their discretion to discuss the matter with their Parish. In response to Members'

questions, the Director of Development Services agreed to clarify any probity issues that may arise from Members discussing enforcement cases with Parish Councils.

RESOLVED:

That the enforcement workload change and performance (January-June 2004) be noted.

8. **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT OUT-TURN 2003/4**
(Report EA34 refers)

During consideration of the report, Members discussed the possible award for next year's planning delivery grant and the difficulties in meeting these performance targets; some of the areas of lower performance across development services; and how 20mph zones could be introduced. The low number of successful appeals against the Council at the National Parking Adjudication Service was also noted.

In response to a Member's question, the Director of Development Services explained that if the West of Waterlooville Forum was discontinued, the details of the developer's contributions in regard to the major development area, were likely to be closely considered by the Planning Development Control Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the performance outcomes against the Business Plan actions and Performance Indicator Out-Turns for 2003/4 be noted.

9. **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT – SUMMARY OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURE**
(Report EA35 refers)

In response to Members' comments, the Director of Finance agreed to present to the next meeting a clearer explanation of management overheads as part of the next cycle's budget monitoring report.

The Director of Development Services also agreed to investigate an apparent discrepancy between the projected income from on-street parking machines and the figure that was projected on their introduction.

RESOLVED:

1. That the out-turn figures for 2003/4 for the Development Services Department be noted.

2. That Cabinet be requested to approve a carry forward of £71,000 savings as identified in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 for the reasons stated within the report.

10. **PLANNING SATISFACTION QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS**
(Report EA36 refers)

RESOLVED:

That the performance against the Best Value Performance Indicator on the overall satisfaction with Planning Development Control service be noted.

11. **APPOINTMENTS TO INFORMAL SCRUTINY GROUPS**
(Report EA38 refers)

In considering their Scrutiny Work Programme, the Committee agreed to request Cabinet and the Principal Scrutiny Committee to re-appoint the Parking Review Informal Scrutiny Group and to appoint an Informal Group to consider Planning Grants.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet and Principal Scrutiny Committee be requested to endorse the establishment of:

a) The Parking Review Informal Scrutiny Group: Membership Councillors Busher, Bidgood, de Peyer, Love, Mather, Verney and Wright.

b) Planning Grants Informal Scrutiny Group: Membership Councillors Busher and Verney.

2. That, having completed its review, the Concessionary Travel Informal Scrutiny Group be disbanded.

12. **SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2004/5**
(Report PS139 refers)

During its consideration of future work items, the Committee agreed that at a future meeting it should receive a report on School Travel Plans.

RESOLVED:

That the Scrutiny Work Programme be noted, with the inclusion of a future report on School Travel Plans.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and concluded at 8.50pm.

Chairman