

This Report will be made public on 21 March 2019

Report Number **C/18/86**

To: Cabinet Member for Transport and Commercial
Date: 18 March 2019
Status: Non-Key Decision
Responsible officer: Andy Blaszkowicz, Assistant Director
Cabinet Member: Councillor Mrs Ann Berry, Cabinet Member for Transport and Commercial

SUBJECT: RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION No: 18/076 RELATING TO THE INFORMAL CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS TO EXTEND CONTROLLED PARKING ZONES F & G

SUMMARY: On 7 March 2019 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the call – in of decision number 18/076 relating to the informal consultation on proposals to extend controlled parking zones F& G

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The cabinet member is asked to reconsider the decisions made taking into account the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To receive and note report C/18/86.
2. That the decisions set out in decision notice 18/076 be revised, taking into account the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as follows:
 - a. To agree the proposed actions for further informal consultation to take place in Garden Road and Walton Road.
 - b. To agree that following further informal consultation and subject to the results the scheme will be subject to formal consultation with submission of the TRO (traffic regulation order).

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 On 25 February 2019 the Head of Paid Service accepted as valid a call – in dated 19 February 2019 of the decisions set out in decision number 18/076 relating to the informal consultation on proposals to extend controlled parking zones F & G.
- 1.2 For ease of reference the following are appended:-
 - Report number C/18/76 (appendix 1);
 - Decision number 18/076 (appendix 2); and
 - Text of call – in (appendix 3)
- 1.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the call – in at its meeting on 7 March 2019.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- 2.1 The meeting of the committee was attended by the portfolio holder and relevant officers.
- 2.2 The recommendations from the committee are:-

That the matter should be referred back to the decision-taker for reconsideration of Controlled Parking Zones F and G extensions informal consultation with a request for door to door feedback.

3. OPTIONS

- 3.1 The constitution sets out the following options for the decision maker namely:-
 1. To reconfirm the decision, or
 2. Amend the decision in light of the comments from the committee
- 3.2 The portfolio holder is asked to reconsider the decision in the light of the debate at and recommendations of the committee. Any decision can be implemented immediately though the decision does need to be reported to Overview and Scrutiny Committee after it has been made.

4. CABINET MEMBER DECISION

- 4.1 The Cabinet Member for Transport & Commercial has considered the views of Overview and Scrutiny Committee in consultation with the relevant Officers.
- 4.2 All requests for controlled parking zones are made by the public. The Council will proceed with schemes on a point based system with those areas that score the highest points proceeding to an Informal Consultation.

- 4.3 The main views of Overview and Scrutiny Committee were that there had not been enough consultation, the response rates were not high enough and that the consultation period was not long enough.
- 4.4 It should be noted that the Council is not obliged to carry out informal consultations and many authorities start with formal consultation. The required duration for a formal consultation is 3 weeks. There is no recommended duration for informal consultation so we use the 3 week period that is set out in the TRO (formal consultation) process. Whilst response rates for this type of consultation are typically low the informal consultation return rate for this scheme was acceptable in the view of the Cabinet Member and Officers.
- 4.5 Whilst the Council does not have the resources to 'knock on every door' within the scheme The Cabinet Member for Transport and Commercial has decided to carry out further informal consultation on the two roads in the Zone F extension that had indeterminate results, namely, Garden Road and Walton Road. The parking team Officers and the Area Officers will carry out face to face consultations to gauge the views of the residents in these roads.
- 4.6 Following the additional informal consultation the views of residents will be considered by the Cabinet Member for Transport and Commercial and the proposed formal consultation (TRO) documents will be amended accordingly.
- 4.7 The formal consultation will begin when the TRO is submitted to KCC. This will give a further 3 week period for residents, businesses and other stakeholders to comment. The Cabinet Member for transport and commercial will then consider all the responses before deciding whether to progress with the scheme.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 5.1 No perceived risks

6. LEGAL/FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS

6.1 Legal Officer's Comments (AK)

These are set out in report C/18/76 considered by the cabinet member on 11 February 2019.

6.2 Finance Officer's Comments (RH)

These are set out in report C/18/76 considered by the cabinet member on 11 February 2019.

6.3 Diversities and Equalities Implications

These are set out in report C/18/76 considered by the cabinet member on 11 February 2019.

7. CONTACT OFFICERS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Councillors with any questions arising out of this report should contact the following officer:

Report Author, Frederick Miller- Transportation Manager
Telephone: 01303 853207.
Email: frederick.miller@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

The following background documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report:

None

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Report number C/18/76
Appendix 2: Decision number 18/076
Appendix 3: Text of call – in