

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM - BOOTLE TOWN HALL,
TRINITY ROAD, BOOTLE, L20 7AE
ON 10 JUNE 2024**

PRESENT: Councillor John Kelly (in the Chair)
Councillor Sonya Kelly (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Cavanagh, Corcoran, Dodd, Killen,
Morris, O'Brien, Robinson, Thomas, Thompson,
Webster and Williams

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carragher and Porter.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with Paragraph 9 of the Council's Code of Conduct, the following declaration of personal interest was made, and the Member concerned remained in the room during the consideration of the item:

Member	Minute No.	Nature of Interest
Councillor Morris	Agenda Item 6 - Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders – Southport Town Centre – Receipt of Objections	He has previously objected and campaigned against cycle lanes in this area - stayed in the room, took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

4. TAXI LICENSING ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) which reported on the progress of the Taxi Licensing service during 2023/24.

The Committee discussed drivers who failed to attend knowledge tests, the reasons for failed / voided knowledge tests and the capacity of the One Stop Shop team.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the contents of the report be noted; and
- (2) the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) be requested to continue to submit Taxi Licensing Annual Reports.

5. LOCAL LICENSING ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) which reported on the work carried out during 2023/24 by the Local Licensing Unit.

The Committee discussed the breakdown of licence applications and temporary event notices.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) be requested to continue to submit Local Licensing Annual Reports.

6. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS – SOUTHPORT TOWN CENTRE – RECEIPT OF OBJECTIONS.

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) which reported on the receipt of objections to the progression of a permanent Traffic Regulation Order in relation to the Southport Town Centre cycle route.

Under the terms of the Council's Constitution, the Licensing and Regulatory Committee had three options in dealing with objections, namely to:

- Accept the recommendations in the report;
- Accept the recommendations in the report with minor changes; or
- Refer the matter back to the Cabinet Member – Housing and Highways, giving reasons and recommendations for the referral.

The Committee discussed the objections that had been taken into account as part of the report, the Council's commitment to enhancing active travel, and expressed concern regarding the cycle lanes on Chapel Street, Southport.

It was moved by Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Dodd:

That the Traffic Regulation Orders be progressed as originally advertised, with the exception of Chapel Street, which would be referred back to the Cabinet Member - Housing and Highways for his further consideration due to Members concerns regarding the shared use of the pedestrianised area by both pedestrians and cyclists.

Following a show of hands, the Chair declared the motion was carried by 9 votes to 3 and it was:

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the objections be noted;
- (2) the Traffic Regulation Orders to be progressed as originally advertised, with the exception of Chapel Street, which be referred back to the Cabinet Member - Housing and Highways for further consideration, due to the Committee's concerns regarding the shared use of the pedestrianised area by both pedestrians and cyclists; and
- (3) the objectors be advised accordingly.

7. HASTINGS ROAD AND WINDY HARBOUR ROAD SOUTHPORT, SCHOOL STREET TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) which reported the receipt of objections against the proposal; and requesting a legal order, the effect of which would see the Southport School Street Pilot (Hastings Road and Windy Harbour Road) become permanent.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the objections be noted;
- (2) the legal order Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) for Hastings Road and Windy Harbour Road in Southport be made permanent to create a permanent School Street outside Greenbank High School and Birkdale High School; and
- (3) the objectors be advised accordingly.

8. BIRKDALE, WELD ROAD ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

The Committee considered the report of the of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) which sought approval to changes to the highway to deliver accessibility improvements along Weld Road, Birkdale between Lulworth Road and Birkdale Village.

The Committee discussed dropped curbs, road surfacing and bus stops.

RESOLVED:

That the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) be authorised to implement the following modifications to the Highway:

- (1) the installation of Pedestrian Crossing facilities at the junction of Weld Road/ York Road and Weld Road/ Lulworth Road junctions; and
- (2) accessibility Improvements along Weld Road between Lulworth Road and Birkdale Village.

9. SOUTHPORT EASTERN ACCESS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLVED:

That the item be withdrawn from the agenda.