

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00 am Tuesday 26 August 2014

Present:

Councillors Hinds (Convener), McVey (Vice-Convener), Aldridge, Bagshaw, Barrie, Booth, Brock, Doran, Gardner, Keil, Lunn, Mowat, Perry and Rose (substituting for Councillor Jackson).

1. Deputation - Festivals Edinburgh and the Fringe - Events in Edinburgh's Parks and Greenspaces

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Neil Mackinnon, Head of External Affairs, Fringe Festivals Edinburgh.

The deputation stated that the success to date of the Edinburgh Festivals was due in part to the flexible approach taken by City of Edinburgh Council in dealing with the demands placed upon the parks and greenspace available within the City. It was hoped that this flexibility would continue going forward.

The deputation assured the Committee that Festivals Edinburgh and the Fringe recognised the cultural, social and economic part that the parks and greenspaces played in Edinburgh and that they were committed to minimising the environmental impact Festivals Edinburgh had in these areas.

Decision

The Convener thanked the deputation for their presentation and invited them to remain for the Committee's consideration of the report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities at item 6 below.

2. Deputation - Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links- Events in Edinburgh's Parks and Greenspaces

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Heather Goodare, Chris Wigglesworth and Peng Lee Yap representing Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links.

The deputation stated that Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links wished that the Parks Manifesto limit the time of events to no longer than 15 days on the Meadows to allow time for the turf to recover. They added that market rents should also be charged for commercial events with the revenues generated being used to employ additional Park Rangers.

Decision

The Convener thanked the deputation for their presentation and invited them to remain for the Committee's consideration of the report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities at item 6 below.

3. Deputation - Gandey World Class Productions - Events in Edinburgh's Parks and Greenspaces

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Philip Gandey of Gandey World Class Productions.

The deputation advised that Gandey World Class Productions had been organising and delivering events in the Meadows for the past 16 years and had built up a constructive working relationship with the City of Edinburgh Council. Over £200k in rent had been collected during this time, with all environmental and health and safety requirements being met. Alternative venues had been trialled but had proved to be unsuccessful in a commercial sense as patrons were unwilling to travel outwith the city centre.

Decision

The Convener thanked the deputation for their presentation and invited them to remain for the Committee's consideration of the report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities at item 6 below.

4. Deputation - Moray Feu Residents Association - Post Tram City Centre Review – West End

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Alistair Mackintosh, Allan Alstead and Simon Baig of Moray Feu Residents Association.

The deputation presented a submission requesting Committee support for measures discussed with Council staff, to reduce the volume of traffic observed to be using the Moray Feu following operational commencement of the trams, and emphasised the deployment of appropriate signage and monitoring.

Decision

The Convener thanked the deputation for their presentation and invited them to remain for the Committee's consideration of the report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities at item 7 below.

5. Deputation- Friends of the Earth Scotland - Air Quality Assessment and Review 2014 – Progress Report

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Emilia Hanna of Friends the Earth Scotland.

The deputation was concerned about the occurrences of health problems in Edinburgh associated with poor air quality and sought a commitment from the Committee to reach EU air quality levels. The deputation also called for a joined up approach between transport strategy and air quality legal requirements.

Decision

The Convener thanked the deputation for their presentation and invited them to remain for the Committee's consideration of the report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities at item 8 below.

6. Events in Edinburgh's Parks and Greenspaces

The Council's Edinburgh Parks Events Manifesto provided a strategic and proactive approach to planning and managing events within Edinburgh's parks and greenspaces.

Approval was sought to revise the Manifesto based on the findings of the public consultation exercise.

Councillor Orr was heard as a local ward member and indicated his support for the views expressed by the Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links in their deputation (see item 2 above).

Motion

- 1) To note the outcome of the consultation exercise.
 - 2) To approve the changes to the Events Manifesto as outlined in paragraphs 3.48 to 3.57 of the report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities.
 - 3) To request a further report identifying the most suitable location(s) to create an events space that could be used for both high impact events and recreational activities; the report to detail possible options and likely costs of installation and maintenance as well as appropriate surcharges for event organisers using the space.
 - 4) To request that a progress report detailing reviews of events which had taken place in parks each year be presented to this Committee annually.
 - 5) To request that a report be brought back to the Transport and Environment Committee regarding the outcomes of the tendering process.
 - 6) To note that the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee would consider exceptional events as part of its strategic oversight remit.
- moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor McVey.

Amendment

- 1) To note the outcome of the consultation exercise.
- 2) To approve the changes to the Events Manifesto as outlined in paragraphs 3.48 to 3.57 of the report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities subject to deleting paragraphs 3.49(b) and 3.49(c).

- 3) To request that a progress report detailing reviews of events which had taken place in parks each year be presented to this Committee annually.
 - 4) To agree that a tender exercise would be used for commercial large events in order to ensure the market rate was received. If the tender offer for an event was longer than one year, then recommendations would be referred to Committee for decision.
 - 5) To request a further report identifying the most suitable location(s) to create an events space that could be used for both high impact events and recreational activities; the report to detail possible options and likely costs of installation and maintenance as well as appropriate surcharges for event organisers using the space.
- moved by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Bagshaw

Voting

For the motion	-	12 votes
For the amendment	-	2 votes

Decision

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- 6) To note that the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee would consider exceptional events as part of its strategic oversight remit.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 29 October 2013 (item 11); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

7. Post Tram City Centre Review – West End

Options to improve road traffic accessibility to the West End from the south of the City were presented together with the results of a parking occupancy survey undertaken in the West End area during May 2014.

Decision

- 1) To amend the existing Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to permit all traffic to travel westbound from Hope Street to Queensferry Street and initiate the statutory process to do so.
- 2) To suspend the current Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) on Hope Street which limits westbound access from Hope Street to Queensferry Street to buses only.
- 3) To note that at the point the proposed amendment to the TRO was made, a pedestrian crossing would be included within the revised signal design and that supporting signage on South Charlotte Street, Charlotte Square and Hope Street would be required.
- 4) To note the ongoing monitoring of traffic operations in the broader city centre area in line with the recommendations of the report presented to the Transport and Environment Committee on 18 March 2014.
- 5) To note the results of the parking occupancy and duration surveys conducted within the West End during April and May 2014.
- 6) To implement a change in the priority of Young Street from the eastbound to westbound direction as an amendment to the George Street Experimental Traffic Regulation Order. This would mean that no access to Young Street would be available from North Charlotte Street.
- 7) To investigate the option to introduce a right turn from Queen Street westbound into Queen Street Gardens East.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 18 March 2014 (item 4); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

8. Air Quality Assessment and Review 2014 – Progress Report

Approval was sought for the submission of the draft Air Quality Progress Report 2014 to the Scottish Government, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs.

It was also proposed to extend the City Centre Air Quality Management Area existing boundary to include part of the South Bridge/Nicolson Street corridor to the south and at Angle Park Terrace/Slateford Road in the west.

Motion

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To approve submission of the draft Air Quality Progress Report 2014 to the Scottish Government, SEPA and the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs.
- 3) To extend the City Centre Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) existing boundary to include part of the South Bridge/Nicolson Street corridor to the south and at Angle Park Terrace/Slateford Road in the west.

- 4) To note that the air quality monitoring station in St John's Road complied with the nitrogen dioxide hourly mean value in 2013 for the first time since monitoring began indicating significant improvements in air quality at this location.
 - 5) To approve the engagement of specialist air quality consultants to complete an updated Air Quality Action Plan and carry out a review of current AQMA boundaries.
- moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor McVey.

Amendment

- 1) To note the report.
 - 2) To approve submission of the draft Air Quality Progress Report 2014 to the Scottish Government, SEPA and the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs.
 - 3) To extend the City Centre Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) existing boundary to include part of the South Bridge/Nicolson Street corridor to the south and at Angle Park Terrace/Slateford Road in the west.
 - 4) To note that the air quality monitoring station in St John's Road complied with the nitrogen dioxide hourly mean value in 2013 for the first time since monitoring began indicating significant improvements in air quality at this location.
 - 5) To approve the engagement of specialist air quality consultants to complete an updated Air Quality Action Plan and carry out a review of current AQMA boundaries.
 - 6) To note the latest DEFRA report entitled "Updated Projections for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) Compliance" dated July 2014 which included an estimated compliance date of 2020 for the Edinburgh urban area which was ten years later than the original deadline and five years later than the extended deadline allowed for under EU directive 2008/50/EC
 - 7) To call for a further report by the end of 2014 modelling when it is expected the EU air quality limits for NO₂ will be achieved in the Edinburgh urban area under current planned measures, and setting out what additional measures will be required to achieve a compliance date of 2015.
- moved by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Bagshaw.

Voting

For the motion	-	12 votes
For the amendment	-	2 votes

Decision

- 1) To note the contents of the report.
- 2) To approve submission of the draft Air Quality Progress Report 2014 to Scottish Government SEPA and Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs.

- 3) To extend the City Centre Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) existing boundary to include part of the South Bridge / Nicolson Street corridor to the south and at Angle Park Terrace / Slateford Road in the west.
- 4) To note that the air quality monitoring station in St John's Road complied with the nitrogen dioxide hourly mean value in 2013 for the first time since monitoring began, indicating significant improvements in air quality at this location.
- 5) To approve the engagement of specialist air quality consultants to complete an updated Air Quality Action Plan and carry out a review of current AQMA boundaries.

(References – report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Gardner declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Member of Friends of the Earth Scotland.

9. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Transport and Environment Committee of 3 June 2014 as a correct record.

10. Key Decisions Forward Plan

The Transport and Environment Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan for the period October 2014 to January 2015 was submitted.

Decision

To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan for October 2014 to January 2015.

(Reference – report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

11. Rolling Actions Log

As part of a review of the Council's political management arrangements, the Council had approved a number of revisions to committee business processes including the requirement that Executive Committees introduce a rolling actions log to track committee business.

The Transport and Environment Committee Rolling Actions Log updated to 26 August 2014 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note the Rolling Actions Log for the Transport and Environment Committee.
- 2) To note that future actions agreed by the Committee calling for further reports or information would be added to the Rolling Actions Log.

(References – Act of Council No 12 of 24 October 2013; Rolling Actions Log 26 August 2014, submitted)

12. Business Bulletin

The Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin for 26 August 2014 was presented.

Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, submitted)

13. 6% Budget Commitment to Cycling – Summary of Expenditure

The Council had agreed to spend 6% of its 2013/14 budget on projects to encourage cycling as a mode of transport in the City.

A summary of the Council's capital and revenue expenditure on cycling for 2013/14 was submitted.

Decision

To note the summary of Council expenditure on cycling for 2013/14 which met the 6% target set.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 27 August 2013 (item 13) and 3 June 2014 (item 11); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

14. Bus Lane Network Review

The Council had carried out a review of a number of issues relating to the bus lane network comprising bus lane operational hours, permitted vehicle classes, ineffective bus lanes and new flashing or illuminated bus lane signs.

The findings of the review were detailed and approval sought for a number of recommendations including undertaking trials changing all-day bus lanes into peak period bus lanes and allowing motorcycles to access with-flow bus lanes.

Decision

- 1) To note that a consultative review of bus lane network had been carried out and note its findings.
- 2) To approve the promotion of an 18 month Experimental Traffic Regulation Order to trial peak periods bus lane in place of all-day bus lanes.
- 3) To approve the promotion of an 18 month Experimental Traffic Regulation Order to trial allowing motorcycles access to with-flow bus lanes during their operational hours.
- 4) Not to change Council Policy to allow Private Hire Cars or electric vehicles access to bus lanes during their operational hours.
- 5) To note that the first tranche of amendments to ineffective bus lanes was due to be completed within the next few months.

- 6) To note that the results of the above two trials future bus lane expansion plans for the city and an update on bus lane camera enforcement would be reported to Committee in due course.
- 7) To agree that any decision to deploy flashing or illuminated bus lane signs should be delayed until after the completion of the peak periods bus lane trial.
- 8) To monitor closely in targeted areas changes in overall road traffic volumes, bus times, cycle use, air quality and speeding/parking offences and accidents, and to submit an interim report to the Transport and Environment Committee within nine months of the implementation of the TRO.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 4 June 2013 (item 7) report by Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

15. The Causey Project - Design Stage Contract Approval

Approval was sought to appoint Ironside Farrar Limited at a cost of £54,642 for the provision of design consultancy services for delivery of detailed design proposals for The Causey Project.

Decision

- 1) To approve the appointment of Ironside Farrar Limited for the provision of design consultancy services for delivery of detailed design proposals for The Causey Project.
- 2) To refer the report to the Finance and Resources Committee for information.

(Reference – report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

16. Objections to Proposed Waiting Restrictions West Bow – Traffic Regulation Order TRO/13/29

Details were provided of an objection received as part of the consultation on a proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to implement parking restrictions and extend a permit bay at West Bow.

Decision

To set aside the objection and make the Traffic Regulation Order TRO/13/29 as advertised with respect to waiting restrictions in the West Bow.

(Reference – report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

17. Objections to Traffic Regulation Order TRO/11/20D – Proposed waiting restrictions on Coltbridge Avenue and Coltbridge Vale

Details were provided of objections received as part of the consultation on a proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for double yellow line waiting restrictions on Coltbridge Avenue and Coltbridge Vale.

Decision

- 1) To note that the objections against the TRO had been considered.

- 2) To set aside the objections and approve the implementation of the waiting restrictions.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 19 March 2013 (item 31); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

18. Objections to Traffic Regulation Order TRO/12/42B – Proposed Waiting Restrictions on Kirkliston Road, South Queensferry

Details were provided of the objections received as part of the consultation on a proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for double yellow line waiting restrictions on Kirkliston Road in South Queensferry.

Decision

- 1) To note that the objections received had been fully considered.
- 2) To approve the implementation of the amended waiting restrictions as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities.

(Reference –report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

19. Establishment of Active Travel Forum for Walking and Cycling

Approval was sought for the establishment of an Integrated Active Travel Forum, a new Walking Forum and the reconstitution of the existing Cycling Forum.

It was proposed that the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee would chair the Active Travel Forum and the Vice-Convener would chair the Cycling Forum and the Walking Forum.

Decision

- 1) To agree to the establishment of the Active Travel Forum, the Walking Forum and the reconstitution of the Cycling Forum.
- 2) To agree to the arrangements and membership including stakeholders and members of the public as set out in Appendix 1 of the report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities.
- 3) To arrange inaugural meetings before the end of this calendar year.

(Reference – report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

20. Cycling – CHAMP Invitation to Belgium

The Council had received European Union funding from the Cycling Heroes Advancing Sustainable Mobility (CHAMP) project between 2011-2014 towards developing solutions to address gaps in its cycling strategy.

Approval was sought for the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee to attend the CHAMP final project conference to be held in Ghent, Belgium on 11-12 September 2014.

Decision

To approve the attendance of the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at the CHAMP final project conference in Ghent, Belgium.

(Reference – report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

21. Environmental Noise Action Plan Update

The Environmental Noise (Scotland) Regulations 2006 set out a framework for managing environmental noise.

Subsequent to round one of the noise mapping exercise three Noise Management Areas and 10 Quiet Areas had been identified by the Edinburgh Working Group.

Decision

- 1) To approve the three Noise Management Areas and 10 Quiet Areas recommended by the Edinburgh Working Group in relation to round one of the noise mapping process.
- 2) To note that the second round of noise mapping had begun and an update would be provided to Committee once this work had been completed at the end of August 2014.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 29 July 2008 (item 19); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

22. Trading Standards Primary Authority Partnership Arrangements

Approval was sought for the establishment of suitable primary authority arrangements with businesses and trade organisations either based in Edinburgh or operating within Edinburgh.

Decision

- 1) To note that Edinburgh Trading Standards Service would set up suitable primary authority arrangements with businesses and trade organisations either based in Edinburgh or operating within Edinburgh.
- 2) To agree that this facility be promoted within Edinburgh and qualifying businesses be invited to negotiate appropriate arrangements.
- 3) That businesses and trade organisations be charged on a cost recovery basis for the primary authority services supplied through the partnership.

(Reference – report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

23. Public Utility Company Performance 2013/14

Performance information relating to public utility companies during the period April 2013 to March 2014 (Quarters 1 to 4) was submitted. Also detailed were proposals for managing public utility performance for 2014/15.

Decision

- 1) To note the report and performance information shown in Appendix A of the report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, including the arrangements for securing an improved performance level from all Public Utilities.
- 2) To note that future quarterly reports provided to this Committee would include information on the progress of the revised Edinburgh Road Works Ahead Agreement (ERWAA).
- 3) To note that future quarterly reports would include progress on the Improvement Plans requested from Public Utilities.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 15 January 2013 (item 12); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

24. Seafield Waste Water Treatment Works – Monitoring of Scottish Water Odour Improvement Plan

The Committee had previously agreed to make representations to Scottish Water to provide an independent emissions inventory at Seafield Waste Water Treatment Works to identify further possible odour reduction measures.

The key findings of the independent odour consultant and a summary by Scottish Water of the measures taken in response to the representations were presented.

Decision

- 1) To note that the Council's odour and monitoring programme indicated that sewerage nuisance and major odour incidents affecting local residents had reduced since 2012, although it was recognised that local residents continued to complain about odour nuisance.
- 2) To note the key findings of the Scottish Water independent Odour Emission Inventory carried out between May and September 2013.
- 3) To note that the Seafield WWTW storm tanks continued to be identified as an odour source from the plant.
- 4) To note that Leith Links Residents Association were concerned that on several occasions the cleaning of the storm tanks had created odours within the community, and they were keen that prevention measures were put in place to prevent any future recurrence of these odours during this process.
- 5) To seek reassurances from Scottish Water that all appropriate measures would be pursued to mitigate and minimise the impact of odour generated by storm tank cleaning in the local community.
- 6) To note the outcome of discussions with Scottish Water on current storm tank use and provision and to instruct officers to engage in further dialogue with Scottish Water on their future plans for odour minimisation at the storm tanks at Seafield WWTW.

- 7) To note that the findings of the Council's odour monitoring and assessment programme indicated that Scottish Water and Veolia Water were currently compliant with the Sewerage Nuisance (Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 2006 (CoP) and that the Odour Improvement Plan (OIP), allied to the improvements in operational management of the works, was currently minimising odour nuisance.
- 8) To note that Abatement Measure A as defined in the Scottish Water and Stirling Water OIP was fully implemented, albeit recognising that the level of complaints regarding odour emanating from the plant which continued to be received from the local community was an ongoing cause for concern for all stakeholders.
- 9) To note that the current Council monitoring programme would continue to ensure that improvements in operational management and sewerage nuisance were sustained and would be reported on following the end of the monitoring period on October 2014.
- 10) To instruct officers to formally advise Scottish Water that Abatement Measure A as set out in the Scottish Water and Stirling Water OIP had been fully implemented and to explore with Scottish Water which of the remaining potential odour improvement measures contained in the further options B to E outlined in the OIP continued to be relevant. To consider those which could still be employed to further reduce odour emissions from the WWTW, and to consider those measures which had already been implemented.
- 11) To instruct s officers to contact all other Scottish local authorities to request information on their experience of dealing with odour nuisance from WWTW within their area, with a particular focus on storm tank use and measures introduced to mitigate odour release during cleaning.
- 12) To request a future report on the outcome of ongoing and requested research from elected members and Leith Links Residents Association on the issues of:
 - legal interpretation of a material breach of the CoP
 - information on planning conditions attached to relevant planning consents relating to boundary odour monitoring
 - along with data on any exceedences of a 10 parts per billion of hydrogen sulphide over the past 5 years.
- 13) To note that the Mott MacDonald Report concluded that the storm tanks were responsible for significant odours coming from Seafield.
- 14) To note that on several occasions the cleaning of the Storm Tanks had created odours within the community and that a future re-occurrence of these odours, during this process, may well require the serving of an Enforcement Notice.
- 15) To urge Scottish Water to find an engineering solution to this process.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 23 November 2012 (item 13); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

25. Services for Communities Financial Monitoring 2014/15 - Period 2 Position

Details were provided of the period 2 revenue monitoring position for Services for Communities together with the outturn positions against its approved revenue and capital budgets for 2014/2015.

Decision

To note Services for Communities' financial position and actions underway to manage pressures.

(Reference – report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

26. Objections to Proposed Waiting Restrictions at Bellevue Crescent, Coates Gardens and Rothesay Terrace

Details were provided of the objections received during the consultation on a proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to amend parking at various locations in the New Town and West End.

Decision

- 1) To set aside the objections and makes the Traffic Regulation Order TRO/13/14 as advertised with respect to the parking restrictions in Bellevue Crescent, Coates Gardens and Rothesay Terrace.
- 2) To agree that Chester Street be withdrawn from the proposals.
- 3) To call for a further report outlining options to improve the appearance of communal bins throughout the city, including the possible use of appropriate screening and any steps which could be taken to make the communal bins easier to operate by residents.

(Reference – report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

27. Corporate Performance Framework - Performance from November 2013 to April 2014

An update was given on performance against the transport and environment strategic outcomes for the period November 2013 to April 2014.

Decision

To note the performance information for the period November 2013 to April 2014 and to agree the actions for improvement.

(Reference – report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

28. Cleanliness of the City

The outcome of the Cleanliness Index Monitoring System (CIMS) assessment of Edinburgh's streets, which had been undertaken by Keep Scotland Beautiful in June 2014, was detailed.

The City of Edinburgh Council had achieved a score of 72 with 95% of the streets surveyed achieving the nationally recognised standard of cleanliness, an improvement in seasonal cleanliness standards from December 2012 to December 2013.

Decision

To note the report.

(Reference – report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

29. Landfill and Recycling

An update was provided on performance in reducing the amount of waste being sent to landfill and increasing recycling. The positive trend in performance was continuing with the amount of waste sent to landfill reducing by 5% compared to the same period for the previous year.

Information was also provided on complaint numbers. In April and May, there had been on average 513 complaints per week. This was 9% less than for the same period in 2013/14.

Decision

To note the report.

(Reference – report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

30. Parking in the Telford Area - Results of Informal Consultation

The results of the second informal consultation on proposals to introduce priority parking in the Telford area were submitted.

Decision

- 1) To approve the commencement of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and design processes required to introduce priority parking in the Telford area.
- 2) To approve the commencement of the TRO process to introduce lengths of yellow line in various locations around the Telford area.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 29 October 2013 (item 19); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

31. Response to the Consultation on the Draft Traffic Signs Regulations and General Direction 2015

The Department of Transport had invited the Council to comment on proposed changes to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Direction 2015. Approval was sought for the draft response which had been submitted to meet the consultation deadline date on 12 June 2014.

Decision

To approve the response to the consultation on the draft Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2015.

(Reference – report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)