

CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT
1st July, 2013

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Clark and Godfrey; together with Councillor Pickering.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dodson.

G17. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14 JUNE 2013

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development, held on 14th June, 2013, be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

G18. PROPOSED DEPLOYMENT OF CCTV PARKING ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE

Further to Minute No. 82 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development held on 7th January, 2013, consideration was given to a report presented by the Highway Network Manager concerning the proposed deployment of the CCTV parking enforcement system, within a Council vehicle, in identified areas within the Rotherham Borough which are known to be subject to unsafe parking activities.

The report stated that funding had been obtained from the South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership for the purchase of the mobile CCTV system which will enable the Council improve enforcement against illegal parking activities. The continuing maintenance of the system will be funded from Council budgets.

Members noted that the CCTV equipment and software automatically recognises locations which are the subject of Traffic Regulation Orders through a GPS signal and collects evidence of parking offences; it does not require manual operation. The evidence is downloaded onto the Parking Services notice processing software and a process of evidence review will then be undertaken by a qualified officer. Vehicles which are deemed to be parked in contravention of the regulations will be the subject of a DVLA enquiry and Penalty Charge Notices will be sent by post to the vehicles' registered keeper. It is anticipated that the vehicle will be operational by the end of July 2013, subject to the testing of the system being successfully completed.

The report stated that the vehicle will be deployed throughout the Borough area, with priority being given to the following locations:-

- : outside schools during term time at school "drop off" and "pick up" times;
- : on urban clearways;

- : in areas where “loading bans” are in operation;
- : restricted bus stops;
- : pedestrian crossing points;
- : in pre-identified “hot spot” areas where waiting restrictions prevail but the restrictions are very often flouted;
- : Hackney Carriage Ranks, including outside ‘normal’ office hours.

Also detailed in the report was the advice received from the Department for Transport explaining the requirements for public information signs for the project and the marking of the Council vehicle with the standard CCTV sign.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the priorities for the deployment of the mobile CCTV enforcement system and vehicle, as detailed in the report now submitted, be approved.

(3) That the methods of communication of the proposed use of the system and vehicle, as detailed in the report now submitted and including the issuing of an appropriate press release, be approved.

(4) That a further report, describing the operational impact of the CCTV enforcement system and vehicle be submitted to a future meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development in six months’ time.

G19. REVIEW OF THE EXPERIMENTAL CLOSURE OF BROOM AVENUE AT ITS JUNCTION WITH WICKERSLEY ROAD, ROTHERHAM

Consideration of this matter was deferred until a future meeting, pending receipt of a report in response to the petition submitted by residents of the Broom Avenue area, opposing the proposed re-opening of the Wickersley Road and Broom Avenue highway junction (Minute No. 7 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development held on 3rd June, 2013 refers).

G20. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended (information relating to the financial/business affairs of any person (including the Council)).

G21. RIVERSIDE HOUSE - ADDITIONAL FURNITURE

Consideration of this matter was deferred until a future meeting.

G22. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development be held at the Town Hall, Rotherham on Monday, 15th July, 2013, commencing at 2.00 pm.