

## CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

### CANTERBURY FORUM

**Minutes of a meeting held on Monday, 9th September, 2019  
at 6.30 pm in The Guildhall, St Peter's Place, Canterbury**

**Present:** Councillor Butcher (Chairman)  
Councillor Baldock  
Councillor Dawkins  
Councillor Dixey  
Councillor Eden-Green  
Councillor Edwards  
Councillor Gower  
Councillor Maslin  
Councillor Nolan

#### **In attendance**

**Officers:** Tricia Marshall - Deputy Chief Executive  
Pippa Tritton - Democratic Services Officer  
\*Richard Moore - Head of Transportation and Environment  
\*Marie Royle - Head of Housing and Community Services

(\*present for part of the meeting)

#### **273 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Westgate and Wilson.

#### **274 Declarations of any interests by councillors or officers**

No declarations of interest were made by councillors or officers.

#### **275 Minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2019 were agreed as a true record.

#### **276 Homelessness presentation**

Marie Royle, Head of Housing and Community gave a presentation on homelessness within the city. The presentation gave an overview of homelessness in terms of context, challenges, solutions and case studies.

The presentation was concluded by Marie reminding those present that if they know of a homeless person they should put them in touch with the team. Also, rough sleepers can be reported using 'StreetLink' ([streetlink.org.uk](http://streetlink.org.uk)) which will enable them to connect with local services that can support them.

Councillors asked a number of questions following the presentation. They thanked Marie warmly for her informative presentation and praised the work undertaken by her and her team.

## 277 **Mid-year consideration of changes to traffic regulation orders**

Richard Moore, Head of Transportation and Environment, introduced the report which detailed proposals in the mid-year Parking Review for changes to parking restrictions. The Forum made comments and the officer gave points of clarification where necessary. During the course of the meeting those proposals which were debated were proposed, seconded and when put to a vote agreed.

RECOMMENDED (to the Joint Transportation Board) that: action be taken on the following proposals as indicated below:

Parking Proposal	Action	Voting Record		
		For	Against	Abstain
Item 1050 Rose Lane	Implement as advertised	9	0	0
Item 1500 Wife of Bath Hill	Amend as per the officer recommendation and implement	9	0	0
Item 2250 Hever Place and Wichling Close	Implement as advertised	8	0	1

## 278 **Monitoring Sheet**

Councillors were advised that the 'Preparation for the integrated transport hub discussion' item which had previously been discussed by the Canterbury Forum had been referred to the Regeneration and Property Committee for consideration on 26 September 2019.

Councillors remained concerned about cycling in the High Street and it was AGREED by the Forum that the Chairman would again write to food delivery companies highlighting safety concerns. A suggestion was made that a registration system should be introduced for bicycles used by food delivery companies.

The monitoring sheet was NOTED.

## 279 **Question and answer session**

Richard Norman addressed the Forum and asked councillors if they could seek answers to the following questions:

1. The planning application to extend the Wincheap Park and Rise claims that an additional 300 parking spaces were needed in that location, what is the calculation based on? Was it based on future trends and does it take any account of the need to reduce car use?
2. How was the decision made to submit the current planning application? Who made the decision and by what basis were the consultants instructed, reports prepared and the application submitted?

3. Was the application discussed with councillors at any stage.
4. Have there been any discussions regarding possible alternative sites for the extension of the Park and Ride?

Tricia Marshall, Deputy Chief Executive advised councillors that discussions surrounding a current planning application were outside the terms of reference of the Forum and should not be discussed.

A number of councillors expressed concern that the item was not being fully discussed by committee before a planning application was made and it was agreed that the questions asked by Mr Norman should be referred to the Regeneration and Property Committee for discussion.

**280 Future agenda items**

The future agenda items were noted, with the following suggestions added:

- Christmas attractions (for the November meeting advising what was on in Canterbury over the Christmas period this year, and for the March meeting to discuss future Christmas attractions).
- The future of Canterbury Castle

**281 Date of next meeting**

6.30 pm, Monday 18 November 2019.

**282 Any other urgent business to be heard in public**

There was no discussion under this item.

**283 Any other urgent business to be heard following the exclusion of the press and public**

There was no discussion under this item.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm