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Cabinet Lead

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

21 May 2008

18 June 2008

PETITION – BUS SHELTER REQUEST – STURDEE ROAD

Report of the Service Director, Regeneration, Highways and Transportation

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the decision of the Service Director to a petition asking for a bus shelter in Sturdee Road.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Service Director has approved the recommendations in this report. Petitioners would like a bus shelter to be reinstalled at the stop outside 5 Sturdee Road, but the occupants of 7 Sturdee Road and some of their neighbours have objected. It is now intended to move the stop and erect a shelter at the new location.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board is recommended to consider the decision made by the Service Director, that the bus stop be relocated to the south of 19 Sturdee Road and a bus shelter installed at the new location.

4. REPORT

- 4.1 On 22nd November 2007 Councillor Palmer presented a petition in the following terms to full Council. "Following the commitment made by the City Council we call upon the authority to restore the bus shelter located on Sturdee Road between Glenhills Boulevard and Whitteney Drive North."
- 4.2 An initial request for a shelter at this site was received on 29/5/98. When funding became available a site visit was carried out and on 27/5/04 a consultation notice was sent.
- 4.3 As no objections were received, when a shelter became available in 2005 it was installed. We then received objections from the residents of no. 7 Sturdee Road and their neighbours. The residents of no 7 stated that they were the victims of racial abuse and were concerned that the shelter would have a negative impact on their personal safety. We removed the shelter and advised the residents to contact the Police and report all future instances.

- 4.4 As a result of the petition a site meeting was held with Cllr Kitterick and Cllr Palmer. At that time it was thought that relocating the bus stop was not a viable option and that, as the residents of no 7 had not had any further contact with the police and no incidents have been reported, there was insufficient evidence to support the claims of racism, the Council would write again to the local residents to advise them that the Council intended to proceed with the installation of a shelter when one became available.
- 4.5 However, the local residents again objected, and it was decided to hold a further site meeting on 13 May. At this meeting, it was agreed to recommend that the stop should be relocated further south on Sturdee Road, where it will not be directly outside any residential frontage, and an existing shelter, which has become redundant, relocated to the new site.
- 4.6 Whilst the new site for the bus stop is not as good as the previous site, in that spacing between bus stops is not as regular, it will allow a much needed shelter to be provided at this stop.

5. FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1. Financial Implications

The estimated cost of the installation is £1000 for shelter installation at the existing location or £4000 for relocation of the stop and shelter installation to be paid from the Transport Development Group's budget.

Finance Officer – Paresh Radia (ext.296507)

5.2 Legal Implications

The City Council as Highway Authority is authorised to erect bus stops in the Highway under the terms of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph references within the report
Equal Opportunities	No	
Policy	No	
Sustainable and Environmental	No	
Crime and Disorder	No	
Human Rights Act	No	
Elderly/People on Low Income	No	

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Files held in Sustainable Transport

8. CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 Consultations have taken place with local residents, with Ward Members and the Cabinet Lead Member, the bus companies and the police.

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9. POWERS OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR

- 9.1 The City Council's powers to erect bus stops in the Highway under the terms of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953 have been delegated to the Service Director.

10. DECISION OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR

- 10.1 I approve the recommendations set out in Section 3.

Signed..... Date.....
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