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Meeting of: Council
Date: Wednesday, 13th October, 2021
Time: 6.00 pm.
Venue: Hollingworth (Room 108ABC), First Floor,
Number One Riverside, Smith Street,
Rochdale, OL16 1XU

This agenda gives notice of items to be considered in private as required by Regulations 5 (4) and (5) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

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To consider Motions submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11:-

a. Road Safety

To be moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Neil Emmott

“This council acknowledges the continued community concerns regarding the dangerous and irresponsible use of vehicles on our highways. The safety of our communities across the whole borough is unnecessarily jeopardized by the mindless actions of a minority and we remain resolutely committed to addressing the problem.

This Council welcomes the recent comments of Chief Constable Stephen Watson QPM to thoroughly tackle the issue of dangerous and reckless driving and to embark on a programme of policing that aims to make Greater Manchester's roads safer. We ask the Chief Executive to write to the Chief Constable to express our full support for enhanced policing in respect of dangerous driving and to offer any assistance we can provide as a council.

We call on Mayor Burnham and Baroness Hughes to give the Chief Constable their full support in his endeavours to make our roads

safer.”

b. 20MPH Zones

To be moved by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Davidson

“This Council believes that 20 is plenty where people are.

This Council agrees with and supports the UK Government’s recent endorsement of The Stockholm Declaration, which stipulates in Resolution 11 that a council should “mandate a maximum road travel speed of 20mph in areas where vulnerable road users and vehicles mix; except where strong evidence exists that higher speeds are safe.”

This Council resolves to formally adopt Resolution 11. In practice this means that the default speed limit on Rochdale’s urban and rural residential streets will be 20mph, except on main roads where speed limits, if higher, must be both safe and appropriate.

This Council calls on Cabinet to consult the borough’s neighbourhood forums, community groups and local stakeholders to identify all the roads which should adopt a 20mph speed limit no later than 30th April 2023 and to make significant progress towards realising these changes in tandem – establishing 20mph limits in identified places quickly if communities agree.

This Council commits to providing the necessary funding, to achieve the goal of making our residents safe across Rochdale.”

c. Hospital Car Parking

To be moved by Councillor Meredith and seconded by Councillor O’Rourke

For over 10 years, Scotland and Wales have had zero charges at their

hospital car parks for patients, visitors and staff. Unfortunately, previous Governments have missed opportunities to introduce 'free parking' or to provide adequate parking places at hospital sites in England. Hospital Trusts across England lease parking land on their sites to private providers, who then manage the car parks, meaning ultimately that profits are made at the expense of patients, visitors and staff.

Thankfully, during the Coronavirus lockdowns, parking was made free of charge eventually being changed to 'staff parking only' areas. Profiteering in the NHS needs to end and parking is one example.

Councillors within the chamber will have many stories of their own experiences or of others visiting hospital car parks, having difficulty in finding a place to park and then further struggling to find the money with which to pay for inflated parking charges.

This Council therefore requests that the Chief Executive write to the UK Government's Health Minister urging that they scrap NHS hospital parking charges and that that he seek the support of the Northern Care Alliance's Chief Executive in this regard.

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Council Members

Councillor Ali Ahmed
Councillor Shakil Ahmed
Councillor Sultan Ali
Councillor David Bamford
Councillor Jacqui Beswick
Councillor Allen Brett
Councillor Wendy Cocks
Councillor Irene Davidson
Councillor Ray Dutton
Councillor Susan Emmott

Councillor Iftikhar Ahmed
Councillor Daalat Ali
Councillor Stephen Anstee
Councillor Tom Besford
Councillor John Blundell
Councillor Phil Burke
Councillor Patricia Mary Dale
Councillor Ashley Dearnley
Councillor Neil Emmott
Councillor Janet Emsley

Councillor Iram Faisal
Councillor John Hartley
Councillor Michael Holly
Councillor Aftab Hussain
Councillor Andy Kelly
Councillor Philip Massey
Councillor Alan McCarthy
Councillor Amna Mir
Councillor Kallum Nolan
Councillor Liam O'Rourke
Councillor Faisal Rana
Councillor Linda Robinson
Councillor Peter Rush
Councillor Angela Smith
Councillor Terrance Smith
Councillor John Taylor
Councillor Shah Wazir
Councillor Donna Williams
Councillor Peter Winkler
Councillor Sameena Zaheer

Councillor James Gartside
Councillor Kieran Heakin
Councillor Jean Hornby
Councillor Peter Joinson
Councillor Donna Martin E
Councillor Rachel Massey
Councillor Daniel Meredith
Councillor Kathleen Nickson
Councillor Shaun O'Neill
Councillor Rina Paolucci
Councillor Aasim Rashid
Councillor Sara Rowbotham
Councillor Billy Sheerin
Councillor Susan Smith
Councillor Patricia Sullivan
Councillor Carol Wardle
Councillor June West
Councillor Peter Williams
Councillor Elsie Wraighte
Councillor Mohammed Zaman

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Agenda Item 6

Amendment to the Liberal Democrat submitted motion – 20 MPH Zones.

Amendment to be moved by Councillor Meredith and seconded by Councillor Shakil Ahmed:-

“This Council acknowledges the great work of present/previous Councillors and Officers; as Rochdale Borough Council is already delivering the ‘20mph is Plenty’ campaign.

This Council acknowledges with and supports the UK Government’s recent endorsement of The Stockholm Declaration, which stipulates in Resolution 11 that a council should “mandate a maximum road travel speed of 20mph in areas where vulnerable road users and vehicles mix; except where strong evidence exists that higher speeds are safe.” Rochdale Borough Council, has already delivered on these schemes, creating 20mph zones in front of schools, elderly accommodation, on all our estates, examples Darnhill, Langley, Cutgate and Kirkholt and any new housing developments are also condition to have self-enforcing 20mph speed limits.

This Council resolves to formally adopt Resolution 11. In practice this means that the default speed limit on most of Rochdale’s urban and rural residential streets will be 20mph, except on roads which may not be suitable due to the type and volume of traffic using them, typically this will be on main roads where speed limits, if higher, must be both safe and appropriate but can also apply to other non-main roads. Signs only do not impact on speed limits, therefore traffic calming will be required.

The Council will continue to introduce 20mph speed limits and traffic calming zones via the five local Townships in response to concerns raised by residents and Councillors. This process has worked well for a number of years and Councillors have contributed funds to resolve speeding concerns. Townships are welcome to identify specific roads and fund accordingly providing their own timely targets.

The Council, will continue to provide funds via the Township structure to reduce speeding by reducing speed limits, introducing traffic calming, working with local Police enforcement, working with local communities and to educate our youth to promote a safer roads in our Borough.”

The original Motion – to be moved by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Davidson is copied below for the information of members”

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This Council resolves to formally adopt Resolution 11. In practice this means that the default speed limit on Rochdale’s urban and rural residential streets will be 20mph, except on main roads where speed limits, if higher, must be both safe and appropriate.

This Council calls on Cabinet to consult the borough’s neighbourhood forums, community groups and local stakeholders to identify all the roads which should adopt

a 20mph speed limit no later than 30th April 2023 and to make significant progress towards realising these changes in tandem – establishing 20mph limits in identified places quickly if communities agree.

This Council commits to providing the necessary funding, to achieve the goal of making our residents safe across Rochdale.”

Amendment to the Labour Group’s submitted motion – Hospital Car Parking.

Amendment to be moved by Councillor Anstee and seconded by Councillor Winkler:-

“For over 10 years, Scotland and Wales have had zero charges at their hospital car parks for patients, visitors and staff. Unfortunately, previous Governments and boards have missed opportunities to evolve and modernise hospital car parking or to provide an adequate number parking places for hard working staff at hospital sites in England.

Hospital Trusts across England lease parking land on their sites to private providers, who then manage the car parks of their behalf. During the Coronavirus lockdowns, parking was made free of charge, with some eventually being changed to ‘staff parking only’ areas.

Councillors within the chamber will have many stories of their own experiences or of others visiting hospital car parks, having difficulty in finding a place to park and then further struggling to find the money with which to pay for parking charges.

This Council therefore resolves that the Chief Executive write to the UK Government’s Health Minister and Mayor Andy Burnham urging that they review NHS hospital parking charges for their respective portfolio’s – with a view to providing an diverse mix of parking solutions for visitors and where possible an adequate number of parking spaces for front line staff, and that he seek the support of the Northern Care Alliance’s Chief Executive in this regard.”

The original Motion – to be moved by Councillor Meredith and seconded by Councillor O’Rourke is copied below for the information of members”

“For over 10 years, Scotland and Wales have had zero charges at their hospital car parks for patients, visitors and staff. Unfortunately, previous Governments have missed opportunities to introduce ‘free parking’ or to provide adequate parking places at hospital sites in England. Hospital Trusts across England lease parking land on their sites to private providers, who then manage the car parks, meaning ultimately that profits are made at the expense of patients, visitors and staff.

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This Council therefore requests that the Chief Executive write to the UK Government's Health Minister urging that they scrap NHS hospital parking charges and that that he seek the support of the Northern Care Alliance's Chief Executive in this regard."