

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”

“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.”

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.

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."