

Agenda Item No: **Report No:**
Report Title: **Ward Issues Raised by Councillors at Council**
Report To: **Cabinet** **Date:** **20 November 2014**
Cabinet Members: **Councillors Jones and Howson**
Ward(s) Affected: **Newhaven Denton & Meeching, Ouse Valley and Ringmer, Seaford West**
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Purpose of Report:

To respond to ward issues raised by councillors.

Officers Recommendation(s):

To note and agree the officer action detailed in the Report.

Reasons for Recommendations

To ensure that appropriate follow up action is taken.

Information

- 1 The following ward issues were raised at the Council meeting on 15 October 2014:

<u>Councillor/Ward</u>	<u>Ward Issue Concerning</u>
Councillor Groves – Seaford West Ward	There had been some road traffic accidents on the Bishopstone Estate which had been caused as a result of motorists parking their vehicles at the junctions of Bishopstone Road and Marine Drive. Furthermore, there were no white lines on Marine Drive so as to direct motorists around bends in the road etc.

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	<p>Additionally, when vehicles are parked on both sides of Marine Drive, there was insufficient space for the local bus to pass which meant that people needed to walk for a quarter of a mile in order to use the bus service.</p> <p>Councillor Groves had taken part in two meetings with representatives of East Sussex County Council's Highway's Department following which no action had been taken to improve road safety in the vicinity.</p> <p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> That the Officers be requested to write to Officers at the Highways Department, East Sussex County Council, in order to request that action be taken to improve road safety in the vicinity of the junctions of Bishopstone Road and Marine Drive, Seaford.</p>
<p><u>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Service Delivery):</u> Officers of the council have forwarded the highways issues raised to ESCC and are waiting for their response which will be forwarded to the councillors</p>	
<p>Councillor Gander – Ouse Valley and Ringmer Ward</p>	<p>There was a problem with motorists parking their vehicles over the disabled person's crossing on the corner of the shopping precinct in Ringmer.</p> <p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> That the Officers be requested to write to the Highways Department, East Sussex County Council in order to request that suitable "No Parking" signage be installed at the site and that possibly a yellow triangle be installed on the pavement so as to make it clear to motorists that they must not park their vehicles across the crossing, as the existing double yellow road markings were not clearly visible to all motorists.</p>
<p><u>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Service Delivery):</u> Officers of the council have forwarded the highways issues raised to ESCC and are waiting for their response which will be forwarded to the councillors</p>	
<p>Councillor Gander – Ouse Valley and Ringmer Ward</p>	<p>East Sussex County Council had indicated that it might be installing traffic lights at the bottom of Earwig Corner which was of concern to motorists who travelled to that Corner from Ringmer. Councillor Gander felt that such installation would</p>

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	<p>be problematic, especially at peak morning times, as it would hinder the flow of traffic accessing the A26 road into Lewes.</p> <p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> That the Officers be requested to write to the Highways Department, East Sussex County Council, in order to request that, instead of permanent traffic lights being installed at the junction of Earwig Corner and the A26 road, in the first instance, temporary traffic lights be installed at that location for a period of a week or so in order that the effects on traffic flow from Earwig Corner onto the A26 road could be monitored.</p>
<p><u>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Service Delivery):</u> Officers of the council have forwarded the highways issues raised to ESCC and are waiting for their response which will be forwarded to the councillors</p>	
<p>Councillor Butler – Newhaven Denton and Meeching Ward</p>	<p>Councillor Butler had recently been approached by a tenant of a Council owned dwelling in Newhaven regarding the dampness which had occurred in that dwelling at which the insulation had been removed and, with winter approaching, the building was awaiting repointing.</p> <p>Councillor Butler was also aware of other properties in the same road and in the vicinity which were similarly affected.</p> <p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> That the Officers be requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Progress the repairs to the Council owned dwelling that was occupied by the tenant who had approached Councillor Butler, as referred to above (the address of the dwelling to be obtained from Councillor Butler); and (b) Advise those Councillors who represented Wards in Newhaven of the number of similar complaints that had been received during 2014 in respect of Council owned dwellings; what action the Council proposed to take in respect thereof and when.

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<p><u>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Service Delivery):</u> 9 properties in Newhaven have had their cavity wall insulation removed as a result of damp being reported inside the properties. It appears that the insulation had become saturated, causing dampness on the internal wall. We have been allowing time for the internal plaster to dry, whilst considering the best way to proceed in the future. The properties are currently being reinspected in order to determine the most effective remedy, and it is intended that remedial work can be completed by the end of November. Both residents and local Councillors will be kept informed of progress.</p>	

Financial Appraisal

2 None arising from this Report.

Legal Implications

3 None arising from this Report.

Sustainability Implications

4 I have not completed the Sustainability Implications Questionnaire as this Report is exempt from the requirement because it is an administration Report.

Risk Management Implications

5 I have not completed the Risk Management Checklist as there is no need to undertake a risk assessment.

Equality Screening

6 I have not completed the Equality Analysis checklist as this Report is free from the requirement to do so.

Background Papers

7 None

Appendices

8 None