

EASTBOURNE BOROUGH COUNCIL – Full Council meeting

26 JULY 2023

AMENDMENTS

Agenda Item 10a – Motion on Highways Disrepair

Councillor Parker will move a revised motion as below:

Which will delete the first two sentences of the motion and add in 'and pavements' into point 1.

The revised motion will read:

“Further to the announcement that East Sussex County Council unanimously approved the additional spending from reserves to pay for extra patching and drainage work, and to increase the capital programme, funded through borrowing, and a decision on capital funding due to be made this month - Eastbourne Borough Council asks the Leader and Chief Executive:

1. To contact East Sussex County Council and ask that the County, if it has not already done so, undertakes an immediate and comprehensive condition survey of all Borough highways **and pavements** and within 3 months of that contact, provide this Council with a work plan for undertaking the necessary repairs and resurfacing over a period not exceeding 12 months, giving priority to the more serious conditions; and
2. To invite the relevant officers from East Sussex County Council to attend an early meeting of this Council's Scrutiny Committee to provide details of the arrangements for the repair and maintenance of the highways.”

Councillor Small has submitted an amendment as follows.

Motion as above, but to insert 3 additional recommendations:

In addition:

3. To reinstate two yearly weed sprays of all Borough highways in order to combat the prevalence of weeds across the borough and to prevent any further unnecessary damage to the borough's highways, subject to Cabinet's approval, once they have considered the financial, strategic and policy implications of this.

4. To ask Council officers to investigate and report back to the relevant Council body on how best the Borough Council (in conjunction with relevant authorities) can address problematic parking on pavements and verges in order to protect against the damage this causes, to ensure disabled residents can navigate the town safely and to support active travel.

5. To note East Sussex County Council’s recent decision to invest an additional £15.7 million in pothole repairs, alongside the £2.4 million Government grant announced by the chancellor in the 2023 budget. “

Agenda Item 10b – Motion on Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs)

Councillor Morris will move an amendment to the motion as below:

**The revised motion would then read as follows:
(changes shown in blue and bold):**

“This Council notes that in November 2017, Eastbourne Borough Council implemented Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) covering the seafront and a number of open spaces throughout the town.

These PSPOs grant authorised individuals to issue fixed penalty notices of up to £75 or fines of up to £1,000 to dog owners who do not keep their dogs on leads in designated areas, or when asked to do so, to clear up after their dog or allow their dogs to enter certain prohibited areas.

The Association of Public Service Excellence states that enforcement of PSPOs are part of a solution, but that it needs to be supported by a wider campaign of promoting responsible dog ownership, and reducing dog fouling.

In addition, according to Keep Britain Tidy the vast majority (around 9 out of 10) of people pick up after their dogs.

We note that Keep Britain Tidy wants to eradicate dog fouling by 2030.

We call on Eastbourne Borough Council:

- **To support the campaign of Keep Britain Tidy to eradicate dog fouling by 2030.**
- **To develop a communications strategy to help educate residents and visitors on the importance of responsible dog ownership.**
- **To request the Director of Service Delivery to make arrangements to extend each of these PSPOs beyond their current November 2023 expiry date, subject to statutory consultation requirements.”**

Delete the following:

~~This Council notes that these PSPOs have seen exceptionally little enforcement and are commonly ignored.~~

~~This Council instructs the Cabinet member for Community Spaces and officers to ensure there are dedicated enforcement patrols of these PSPOs going forward and~~

~~requires the relevant officer to produce a report for Scrutiny Committee every 6 months detailing the location and number of patrols and any enforcement undertaken that have taken place in the preceding 6 months.~~

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