

**Hastings Joint Parking Board Meeting**  
**26 February 2014, 2pm**  
**Hastings Town Hall, Committee Room 1**

Present:

Councillor Carl Maynard, Lead Member  
 Councillor Andrew Batsford  
 Councillor Jay Kramer  
 Councillor Judy Rogers  
 Richard Homewood  
 Keith Hayward  
 Antony Small

Nick Skelton  
 David Weeks  
 Geraldine Knight  
 Sarah Bellinger  
 Michael Blaney  
 Mark Valleley

Agenda point		Action
1. 1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4	<p><b>Welcome Apologies and Introductions</b></p> <p>Councillor Maynard opened the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies received from Councillor Poole, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Pragnell, Neil Maguire and James Graydon. Councillor Batsford present and acting as substitute for Councillor Poole.</p> <p>Councillor Kramer said that receiving the agenda and key papers that needed a decision a day before the meeting gave no time to review the papers. Councillor Rogers agreed and requested that they be sent seven days ahead of the meeting. NS apologised and said we would ensure any papers for consideration and the agenda would be sent a week before the meeting in future.</p> <p>Councillor Kramer said item two of the agenda should be to agree the minutes from the previous meeting. Councillor Maynard said it would be for the next meeting.</p>	<p>NS/DW/ GK</p> <p>GK</p>
2. 2.1 2.2	<p><b>Operational Update</b></p> <p>AS presented the report</p> <p>Councillor Maynard asked about the warning notice figures for December and January. DW explained that the issuing of warning notices in Hastings started in December. They have been used for some time in Lewes and Eastbourne for minor contraventions such as a pay and display ticket upside down. They have been well received and will be continued across the contracts.</p>	
3. 3.1	<p><b>Parking surplus allocation</b></p> <p><b>Bus services</b> - NS presented the funding request for bus services to routes 7,27 and 29. The viability of the bus services was discussed. More detailed information of the parking surplus and what was already allocated was requested. Councillor Rogers said if the funding was agreed it would have to be with a rider that all other services would not want the same. NS advised that the strategic commissioning project looks at services across the region. He advised of the current projected surplus, how much of this was already allocated as agreed in the previous Joint Board meeting. The Board agreed to fund the services</p>	

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<p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p>	<p>as set out in the paper on the basis that the Councillors concerns were noted. Councillor Batsford requested a more transparent understanding of how money is spent on services that are in jeopardy. Councillor Maynard agreed a more strategic approach in the future. Members of the board would be made aware of any services under threat so they can comment. NS assured the members that no contract would be undertaken that did not present value for money.</p> <p><b>High Street, Old Town</b> – MV presented the funding request for the High Street and Old Town area, seeking a 50% contribution from the surplus. Councillor Maynard declared an interest as Lead Member. A discussion took place about the availability of funds from the surplus. NS advised of the predicted surplus for 2013/2014 and explained how much had already been agreed to be funded from the previous meeting. Board agreed to the 50% funding as set out in the papers provided.</p> <p>Councillor Kramer said she was pleased to see a reduction in the kerb height outside the Museum but asked why the one way changes were not being taken forward. MV explained that reversing the one way would not resolve the issues.</p>	<p>NS</p>
<p>4.</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p>	<p><b>Disabled parking provision and footway/verge parking</b></p> <p>DW gave an overview of the blue badge holder concessions. There are currently 5616 bays, only 890 of these cannot be used by blue badge holders. In addition there are 124 designated disabled bays that can be parked in. At ESCC we will always try to increase parking provision where we are able to do so but need to be mindful of the usage of the bays. RH acknowledged that some additional disabled bays were being implemented in the Old Town area.</p> <p>RH had raised footway/verge parking to see what could be considered to prevent large vehicles using some areas. MB stated there is a 7.5 tonne weight restriction in place. DW suggested that a footway/verge ban could be put forward for specific areas but the impact would need to be considered. MB advised that signage would need to be placed every 30 metres where there is a ban and this may not be appropriate for some areas.</p> <p>Councillor Kramer asked what happens when a residents bay is changed into a disabled bay and then the person moves away or dies. DW advised that there had been issues in the past but there is now a process in place. A disabled bay no longer in use should now be removed within 12 weeks of ESCC being notified.</p>	

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5.	<b>AOB</b>	
5.1	Councillor Kramer asked what the policy on introducing dropped kerb was as she believed the budget was now gone. NS advised that he would check and report back at the next meeting as this was not within his service area.	NS
5.2	The next date for the Joint Board was discussed. The Board decided to postpone the one planned for May to early July. The operational update would be sent out by email with the agenda and other papers. Councillor Rogers requested at least two meetings a year to be set rather than ad hoc times. It was decided to continue the meetings on quarterly basis for now and review it next time. Councillor Maynard advised that if there are no funding requests from the surplus then the meeting could be cancelled.	GK
5.3	Councillor Rogers advised that some residents have raised a query about free on street parking in the Old Town and central St Leonards. NS commented that to comply with the LTP3 the balance of on and off street parking would need to be looked at. Suggested that it should be looked at by HBC for the off street car parks first. DW advised that Hastings was quite unique in having 1445 time limited free bays. There are fewer in central areas as there needs to be a higher turnover of spaces. RH agreed and said that free bays which are not time limited are always taken up by commuter parking.	
5.4	Councillor Kramer asked to confirm the terms of reference for allowing substitutions. RH had a set with him and it was confirmed that substitutions are allowed.	
5.5	Councillor Kramer advised that she is standing down this time and this would be the last Joint Board meeting she attended. Whilst she was against ESCC taking back the management of the parking scheme, she now wished them luck.	
5.6	DW wanted to ensure that all had received the contact details as requested previously and advised that the parking annual report was available on the council's web site. It can be found at the following link: <a href="http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/parking/policies/annualreport.htm">www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/parking/policies/annualreport.htm</a> Meeting closed.	
6.	<b>Next Joint Board meeting</b>	
6.1	10 July 2014 2pm to 3.30pm. Hastings Town Hall, Room CR1	