THE EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIO HOLDER

FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Minutes of a special meeting held on 23rd December 2003

Present:

Councillor George Taylor (Portfolio Holder)

Also Present:

Councillor Mrs Anne Manning,

81 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

The Portfolio Holder stated that the decisions referred to below in Minutes 82 and 83 were considered as matters of urgency. It was necessary for the Portfolio Holder to consider these items at the earliest opportunity as Transport for London would only guarantee funding until the end of the financial year.

82 DELIVERING THE ROAD SAFETY PLAN Report ES03391

The Portfolio Holder considered the final Road Safety Plan for 2004/5 to 2006/7 which was recommended by the Road Safety Working Group. The Plan focussed on road safety education, engineering and enforcement to reduce accidents leading to death or serious injury particularly on more vulnerable road users. It was recommended that engineering works be developed as a 'rolling programme' rather than an annual programme of works.

It was noted that slight casualties continued to fall significantly towards the 2010 target but the killed or seriously injured (KSI) total did not. The Council was aiming to achieve a target of no more than 191 KSI by the end of 2004.

It was noted that in addition to the schemes referred elsewhere on the agenda, proposals for Beckenham Road, Beckenham High Street and Penge High Street comprising minor traffic management measures such as refuges, kerb build outs, bus borders etc were planned together with a 20 mph zone in the Magpie Hall Lane area.

RESOLVED that

(1) subject to amendments proposed by the Working Group as outlined above, the Draft Road Safety Plan be confirmed;

(2) the programme of road safety education be continued in line with the Road Safety Plan; and

(3) road safety engineering schemes both local safety schemes and 20 mph zones, be incorporated into a rolling programme.

83 LOCAL SAFETY SCHEMES Report ES03390

The Portfolio Holder considered local safety schemes in three locations which had been recommended by the Road Safety Working Group as follows:-

Addington Road. West Wickham

Introduction of a 40mph speed limit, from derestricted, for the length between Corkscrew Hill and over the borough boundary to Lodge Lane (the road being named Addington Village Road & Kent Gate Way in Croydon).

Anerley Road/Anerley Hill. Anerley

Footway Build-outs at its junction with Brunswick Place, Hadlow Place, Hamlet Road, Maple Road, Waldegrave Road; new pedestrian refuges at the existing pelican crossings just south of Hadlow Place and just south of Crystal Palace Station Road; and various sections of hatched road markings to narrow the running lane width and deflect vehicles away from the two new refuges.

Upper Elmers End Road

Footway Build-outs at its junctions with Abbots Way, Balmoral Avenue, Eden Park Avenue, Lloyds Way, Stanhope Grove; as well as at the Links Way junction with Monks Orchard Road, outside nos. 402/404/521-525, outside nos. 324-328/453-455 and outside

the vehicular entrance to Brandram House/Masters of Beckenham; upgraded pedestrian refuge at Links Way junction with Monks Orchard, outside nos. 511 & 384-386 and outside nos. 326 & 453-455; and

designated sections of parking outside Brandram House, between nos. 286-324 & 411-453 and between nos. 386-398.

It was hoped that these schemes could be progressed during this financial year using funds from Transport for London.

RESOLVED that approval be given to the schemes described above.

84 CAR PARKING CHARGES 2003 – STATION ROAD CAR PARK, ORPINGTON Report ES03314

The Portfolio Holder had previously agreed to the increase in car parking charges in some car parks in the Borough as part of the annual review. Changes in the tariff for the Station Road Multi storey car park had been deferred pending completion of parking surveys in the area. Information had now been obtained on occupancy rates and duration of the stay in the car park that would support an increase to bring charges up to comparable levels with other car parks in Orpington.

The proposed tariffs were as follows:-

Current		Proposed	
Period	Charge	Period	Charge
0-1 hour	£0.30	0-1 hour	£0.40
1-2 hours	£0.60	1-2 hours	£0.80
2-4 hours	£1.20	2-4 hours	£1.60
4-6 hours	£1.60	4-6 hours	£2.40
All day	£2.00	All day	£3.00
Season tickets @ £104 for 3 months(with 20% discount		Season tickets @ £156 for 3 months(with 20% discount	

The cost of parking on street in Orpington would continue, even after the proposed tariff increase, to be cheaper than parking on street.

RESOLVED that the revised parking charges and changes set out above, be introduced at the same time as the changes already approved by the Portfolio Holder on 3 December 2003 and The London Borough of Bromley (off-street parking places) Consolidation Order 1995 and The Bromley (Controlled Parking) On-Street Places Order 1998, be amended.

(The Portfolio Holder stated that this item was considered as a matter of urgency as it would be included in the Order relating to the revision of car parking charges that had recently been approved. None of the new charges could therefore be implemented until this issue was resolved.)

> George Taylor Portfolio Holder for the Environment