

## **Council Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

### **Opposition motion in the name of Cllr Rohit Grover**

#### **The CPZ programme review should be brought before Cabinet.**

#### **Council notes:**

- That the review of the CPZ programme has now been completed.
- The next steps will be discussed by the Capital Strategy Board (if they haven't been already).
- The Strategic Projects Board does not have any councillors as members; and
- The outcome of the CPZ programme review will not be brought before Cabinet.
- The intention for CPZs to cover wide areas was a policy initiative introduced by the last administration subject to thorough resident consultation.
- One of the first such large zones was meant to be introduced in Garden Suburb. However, the outcome of the 'Engagement on Parking' exercise in Garden Suburb revealed that only 22% of residents responded, and 27% of respondents were in support of a CPZ with 68% against it.

The conclusion must be that residents respond to the here and now rather than what may or may not happen in the future. The here and now in Garden Suburb is that certain streets experience acute parking pressures, while the vast majority do not.

However, the outcome of the CPZ programme review is that there will be no extension of the existing CPZ arrangements in the ward for the foreseeable future, even though a small number of streets continue to experience acute parking pressures and have done so for many years. This is thoroughly unsatisfactory.

#### **Therefore, council resolves that:**

- It accepts the basic democratic principle (as far as is legally possible) that instead of implementing CPZs across large areas that for the most part do not experience parking pressures and where residents have not expressed support for them, CPZs should only be implemented, if legally possible on streets that do experience parking pressures and where residents have expressed support.
- Some flexibility should be built into the CPZ programme to accommodate localised parking pressures, rather than always using a sledgehammer to crack a nut.
- Any introduction of measures that impose further costs on residents during a cost-of-living crisis should be decided in an open and transparent way.
- The outcome of the CPZ programme should therefore be discussed at Cabinet where residents will be able to make Deputations and non-executive councillors will be able to ask questions of the relevant Cabinet member.
- If there are no legal restrictions, a road will only join a CPZ if a majority of residents are in favour.

*Under Council Procedure Rule 15.5 this motion is to stand referred to the Executive as it refers to matters within the powers of the executive*

