



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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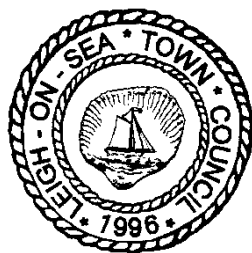
Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the **Transport and Highways Committee** of the Leigh-on-Sea Town Council will take place on **Wednesday 17th April 2013** at Leigh Community Centre, 71-73 Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea commencing at **7.30pm**.

AGENDA

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS
4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 19th December 2012
5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
 - a. Public Transport Report – Report 2197/DF - Cllr Donald Fraser – Appendix 1
 - b. Draft Response to DoT on North Thames Railway Franchise – Report 2196/DF – Appendix 2
 - c. Marked Parking Spaces in Broadway West and Rectory Grove – Appendix 3
 - d. Bollards – Paint and Replace where necessary throughout the town. Chairman to report.
6. BUDGET REPORT 2012/13 – Report 2198/TH – 9th April 2013 – Appendix 4
7. TO RECOMMEND TO F&GPC ANY UNDERSPENDS AS EARMARKED RESERVES

Paul Beckerson
Town Clerk
11th April 2013

Any member who is unable to attend the meeting should send their apologies before the meeting



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Report 2197/DF

Public Transport Report

I recently attended two Conferences arranged by Southend Borough Council. On 14th February presentations were given by representatives of Arriva Southend and First in Essex. They gave details of driver training and vehicle testing, which was necessary in order to provide safe journeys for passengers. A Southend Borough Officer reported on the update of the Real Time Passenger Information. At the present time the information screens at bus stops are only showing "Please see the timetable". The Borough, in conjunction with Essex County Council, is aiming to activate the screens later this year, in order to provide more accurate information for bus passengers.

On 7th March several presentations were given by speakers from the UK and some European countries, with ideas for the improved safety of bus passengers, particularly the elderly and disabled.

As from 5th May, First in Essex will be introducing major changes to their local bus services. The withdrawal of two services will have an adverse effect on bus passengers in the Town Council area. Service 21A currently provides a Monday to Friday day time half hourly service along Manchester Drive. After 5th May this area will only have 3 evening Monday to Saturday journeys in each direction by Service 21B.

Service 26A currently provides an approximately hourly service between Southend and Leigh via Chalkwell Station and Grand Parade. This will be only partially replaced by a new Service 17, operated by Stephenson's of Essex, with limited journeys on Monday to Friday.

Addendum:

Southend Borough Councillors representing Blenheim Park Ward had recent discussions with First in Essex re the proposed withdrawal of service 21a as from 5th May. Following the discussions, First has agreed to operate some Monday to Saturday journeys at revised times on a trial basis.

Cllr Donald Fraser 3rd April 2013



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North Thames Railway Franchise

This is a draft response to the Department of Transport for discussion at the Transport & Highways Committee Meeting.

In addition to our previous submission, we wish to add the following points.

During the past year there has been an increase in peak period travel to and from Leigh-on-Sea and Chalkwell stations (both being in the Leigh-on-Sea Town Council area). This has been particularly noticeable on Monday to Friday mornings, when many passengers are being forced to stand for the whole journey between Leigh-on-Sea and London Fenchurch Street. On some days, even passengers boarding at Chalkwell have been unable to find seats. This situation breaches the Department of Transport guidelines, which indicate that no passenger should be made to stand for more than 20 minutes. Accordingly, there should be a requirement for the new franchisee to purchase or hire additional coaches, in order to form all peak period trains with 12 coaches. In addition, there should be the reinstatement of at least one morning peak period up train starting at Leigh-on-Sea. This would provide great relief for Leigh-on-Sea passengers, together with similarly affected passengers from Benfleet.

The Minister of Transport recently stated that excess and unnecessary on-train announcements should be reduced. Unfortunately, the current franchisee has, so far, ignored this request. Accordingly, we suggest a reduction of the current three separate announcements of "next station" before each stop, together with an omission of the reference to smoking (passengers already being fully aware of the law concerning smoking).

During several weekends in February and March this year, the current franchisee diverted the train service west of Barking, by running to and from Liverpool Street, with a stop at Stratford. This diversion proved very popular and should be a permanent feature of the new franchisee's contract. This is particularly applicable on Sundays, when the area close to Fenchurch Street is almost completely deserted, with only minimal facilities available at the station. This compares with the much better transport connections at Liverpool Street, at which station a full range of facilities, such as refreshments and clean public toilets are available.

DONALD FRASER 3rd April 2013

From: Clare Brooks [<mailto:clarebear62@btinternet.com>]

Sent: 03 April 2013 21:42

To: Council

Subject: Parking

I was born in Leigh and love this town where I still live but the parking in the Broadway, Broadway West and Rectory Grove makes me angry. People park several feet from the white lines including those at the front and back and many people leave several feet between any car. I always walk there when I can and it makes my blood boil. Please please please can we have marked parking spaces then there will be more cars that can park.

Clare Brooks
15 Sydney Road

Sent from my iPad

| Heading | B/F 2011/12 | Income | Expenditure | Spend to Date | Commitment | Balance | % Spent |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------|---------------|------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| School Crossing Patrols | | 0 | 4,500 | 0.00 | | 4,500 | 0.00 |
| Bus Shelter Cleaning/Maintenance | | 0 | 5,000 | 4,194.50 | | 806 | 83.89 |
| New Bus shelters | | 0 | 2,500 | 0.00 | | 2,500 | |
| Highways Infrastructure | | 0 | 1,450 | 0.00 | | 1,450 | 0.00 |
| Bollards | | 0 | 250 | 0.00 | | 250 | 0.00 |
| Staff Costs | | 0 | 2,462 | 987.94 | | 1,474 | 40.13 |
| Phone box | | 0 | 300 | 300.00 | | 0 | 100.00 |
| Total | | | 16,462 | 5,482.44 | | 10,980 | 33.30 |