



North Tyneside Council

Green Sub Committee

Date Not Specified

Tuesday, 9 January 2024 0.02 Chamber – Quadrant, The Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY commencing at 6.00 pm.

Agenda Item	Page
1. Apologies for Absence	
To receive any apologies for absence from the meeting.	
2. Appointment of Substitute Members	
To receive notification of the appointment of any Substitute Members at the meeting.	
3. Declarations of Interests and Dispensations	
You are invited to declare any registerable and/or non-registerable interests in matters appearing on the agenda, and the nature of that interest.	
You are also invited to disclose any dispensations that have been granted to you in relation to any matters appearing on the agenda.	
4. Minutes	1 - 4
To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November	

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2023.

5. Waste Strategy Review: Communications and Marketing

Report to follow.

6. Parking

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The purpose of this report is to outline aspects of parking enforcement, including matters for which the Authority can carry out, and those for which the Police have enforcement responsibilities for.

7. Work Programme 2023-24

To consider the priorities for inclusion in the Sub-committee's work programme 2023-24.

8. Date and Time of next meeting

The next Committee meeting will be held on 26 March at 6:00pm

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Members of the Green Sub Committee

Councillor Sarah Burtenshaw

Councillor Michelle Fox

Councillor Louise Marshall

Councillor Jim Montague

Councillor Jane Shaw

Councillor Judith Wallace

Councillor Davey Drummond

Councillor Margaret Hall (Deputy Chair)

Councillor Ian McAlpine

Councillor Martin Murphy (Chair)

Councillor Joan Walker

Councillor Matt Wilson

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Green Sub Committee

Tuesday, 7 November 2023

Present: Councillor M Murphy (Chair)
Councillors D Drummond, M Fox, S Graham, M Hall,
L Marshall, I McAlpine, J Montague, J Shaw,
J Walker, J Wallace and M Wilson

Apologies: Councillors S Burtenshaw

G10/23 Appointment of Substitute Members

There were no substitute members reported.

G11/23 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.

G12/23 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the sub-committee held on 5 September 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

G13/23 Road Safety report

The Head of Highways and Transportation gave a presentation based on the Road Safety motion that was presented at Full Council on 21 September 2023. The committee was asked to note the information provided and invited to give its input into the strategy before officers began to liaise with partners and the public in January.

A discussion took place around the 85th Percentile methodology (the speed at or below which 85 percent of the drivers will operate with open roads and favourable conditions), its effectiveness and whether this was a measurement

that the Authority had to continue to use. Officers stated that this was currently the system used by the Police, so any change would need to be done as part of a wider consultation. Officers were currently investigating other possibilities but were happy to take any suggestions from members.

Officers stated they were in regular contact with the Police about Anti-Social driving and encouraged members to continue to feed any information on hotspots and ASB road issues to Highways.

Members stated that they would appreciate a meeting with the Police liaison officer for Community Speed Watch (CSW) as they felt that information had not been widely shared with them or the wider community they had contact with. Members felt they could have a more direct input into the CSW system (e.g. through volunteers and local intelligence) if they had access to more information. Members were concerned that any current volunteers may not have been given the option to choose either their own or other areas. Officers agreed to add a briefing and FAQ to the members briefing at the earliest opportunity, as well as arranging an in-person meeting with the liaison officer.

Officers agreed to review possible measures of success for the Road Safety plan. Members suggested that alongside statistics like casualty and accident figures that CSW reports, complaint / member enquiries figures and Speed Awareness Course figures for the area could be utilised.

It was stated that in certain areas, Pedestrian Crossings had proved useful in slowing traffic areas, but members stated that they were finding it difficult to contact officers re: these and other traffic related issues. The Head of Highways and Transportation said he would pass these concerns onto the relevant Police team.

Officers made suggestions that convex mirrors could have more widespread use in North Tyneside, and that while the digital Smile/Frown faces were said to have diminishing returns, officers and members believed they were useful visual deterrents.

A discussion took place about the ongoing issue of parking around schools, and what could be done about further encouraging parents and road users to be more considerate in those areas beyond the current methods employed. Officers

mentioned that there have been some targeted interventions by Police, and they would continue their engagement with schools to see what action / education could be taken. The Head of Environmental Sustainability agreed that if members make them aware of specific schools, he will look into further engagement with them directly.

G14/23 Waste Strategy presentation

The Head of Environment introduced the Environmental Sustainability Manager: Climate and Waste Strategy who gave a presentation to assist the Committee by giving them the option of input into refreshing the Waste Strategy.

The presentation detailed the Authority's recycling strategy, current plans and future targets, and a discussion took place on the current situation with the recycling of textiles and on the future collection of soft plastics that would come into play by 31 March 2027.

Suggestions were taken by the committee about the forthcoming food waste collections (due to begin by 31 March 2026) and collection 'caddies' and how that would work in practice. Members asked if it was possible to get further information on both the current situation and the strategy to increase Energy from Waste (EfW) in North Tyneside, and if an officer would be able to supply a briefing note for the Member's Briefing email soon.

Members discussed the possibility of moving forward with the idea of an electrical items 're-use' shop for North Tyneside. The Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency stated that due to current waste and recycling contracts this was currently a difficult proposition to realise but was certainly an ambition for the future.

The committee also talked about whether certain items were shipped abroad by the Authority or its contractors. It was stated that certain items were shipped abroad as part of current contract, and in the future this would be something that would be a factor in sub-contracting decisions.

G1523 Work Programme 2023-24

The Chair invited committee members to contact him with any suggestions for forthcoming items they would like to see brought to the Committee or to be added to the Work programme.

Meeting: Green Sub-Committee

Date: 9 January 2024

Title: Parking Enforcement Matters

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Directorate: Regeneration and Economic
Development

**Wards
affected:** All

1. Purpose of Report

This report outlines aspects of parking enforcement, including matters for which the Authority can carry out, and those for which the Police have enforcement responsibilities for.

2. Recommendations

The Sub-Committee is invited to note the information provided.

3. Information

Traffic orders and notices

To enable the appropriate organisation to enforce parking offences and moving traffic offences, the appropriate legal order needs to be in place. There is a standard process for the introduction of legal orders, which includes discussion with relevant statutory organisations and formally advertising the proposals so that residents and businesses can let us know their views.

Please see Appendix 2 for details of the process followed in North Tyneside.

Parking enforcement

In terms of enforcement of parking restrictions, the Authority (under its Civil Parking Enforcement Powers) has responsibility for carrying out some types of enforcement, while the Police are responsible for other aspects.

In general, the Authority undertakes enforcement where there is a formal restriction in place. This includes the following types of restrictions:

- i. Waiting and loading restrictions
- ii. Permit parking
- iii. Pay and display
- iv. 'School keep clear' (No Stopping restriction)
- v. Bus stops (No Stopping restriction) school streets
- vi. Bus lanes
- vii. Blue badge holder only parking (but not advisory disabled bays in residential areas)
- viii. Limited waiting

School Streets have been implemented successfully across the borough and the enforcement of which relies on close collaboration with the schools involved. Only if requested will the Council or Northumbria Police get involved.

Depending on the type of restriction, these may be enforced by some or all of the following means:

- i. Fixed camera (e.g. bus lane enforcement camera of which the Council has 6)
- ii. Camera car
- iii. Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs)

The Authority has enforcement guidance which ensure consistency in enforcement, and this is regularly reviewed to encompass any legislative or national/local policy changes.

If a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) is issued, there is a standard, national appeals process (Advice and guidance is provided on the Authority's website).

As a Council we employ 10 Civil Enforcement Officers who reported almost 27,000 PCN's in 2023 to date.

The value of the PCN is dependent on the type of contravention (£50 - £70) and a 50% reduction is available if paid within the discount period.

Police enforcement matters – parking

The Police have responsibility for enforcement of dangerous parking and general obstruction, including parking which obstructs a footway. (Note that outside London there is no blanket legal prohibition of parking on footways.)

The Police can issue a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN). However, a recent revision of the legislation covering Section 137 Highways Act 1980, has resulted in the penalty of an unlimited fine and potential imprisonment or both.

Police enforcement matters – moving traffic.

The Police also have responsibility for a number of other categories of enforcement, including the following:

- i. No entry restriction
- ii. One way restriction
- iii. No right or left turn
- iv. Yellow box junctions
- v. Speed limits

Please see Appendix 1 for further details of restrictions which constitute 'moving traffic enforcement'. Please note that a limited number of these restrictions can be enforced by either the Authority or the Police, e.g. 'school keep clear' markings.

The Council works with Northumbria Police across several well-established partnerships to improve the safety of our residents and visitors. One such example is the Northumbria Road Safety Initiative where safety cameras are deployed at those locations where there is an identified speed related collision history. This partnership also assists in providing financial support for the primary schools' road safety training programme, theatre in education and driver awareness sessions. We also consult extensively with the Police on Traffic Regulation Orders and where we are implementing traffic calming schemes.

Civil enforcement of moving traffic restrictions is based on utilising established Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera technology, as is commonly used for bus lane enforcement. At present the Council uses this technology to enforce bus lanes at six locations across the borough.

Potential to request further powers of moving traffic enforcement.

The Government has made moving traffic enforcement powers under Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 (“Part 6 powers”) available to local authorities outside London subject to a successful application to the Department for Transport. At present, a limited number of local authorities have assumed such powers.

The Authority continues to review the implications which such a request might have for the local area. However, at present the Authority does not have, at present, any intention to request these powers on the following basis:

- there are significant initial set up costs associated with implementation, such as the purchase of camera equipment, staffing, IT systems, infrastructure improvements.
- daily operational costs would need to be met including equipment maintenance, staffing, camera deployments, processing of fines and payment/non-payment, and IT systems licences.
- Given the financial pressure on local government, the development and delivery of such a project would need to be supported with a robust business case that clearly demonstrates a cost-recovery model that does not place any financial burden on the Council.

Next steps for the authority are to monitor how regional Council partners are considering the implementation of moving traffic offences to establish whether there are any benefits for collaboration.

In addition to the sub-regional traffic, transport and safety groups that have been formed through the LA7, the Council also shares information and knowledge with all regional local highway teams through the North East Highways Alliance. This includes the implementation of any Part 6 powers that are being considered by our local highway authority partners.

4. Recommendation

There is no recommendation as this report is for information only.











5. Appendices
















Appendix 1 Traffic signs subject to moving traffic enforcement.


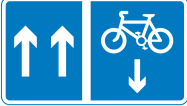
Appendix 2 Traffic notices/orders – process.

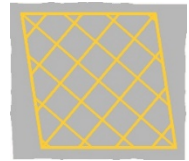
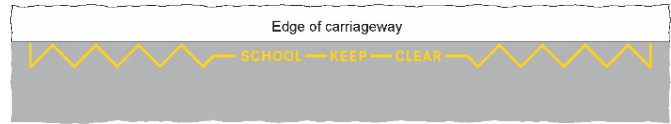
Appendix 1

Traffic signs subject to moving traffic enforcement

Description	TSRGD diagram number & location	
Vehicular traffic must proceed in the direction indicated by the arrow	606 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 1 and Schedule 14, Part 2, item 42)	
Vehicular traffic must turn ahead in the direction indicated by the arrow	609 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 2)	
Vehicular traffic must keep to the left/right of the sign indicated by the arrow	610 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 3)	
No right turn for vehicular traffic	612 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 7 and Schedule 14, Part 2, item 43)	
No left turn for vehicular traffic	613 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 8 and Schedule 14, Part 2, item 43)	
No U-turns for vehicular traffic	614 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 6 and Schedule 14, Part 2, item 43)	
Priority must be given to vehicles from the opposite direction	615 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 9)	
No entry for vehicular traffic (when the restriction or prohibition is one that may be indicated by another traffic sign subject to civil enforcement)	616 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 10 and Schedule 14, Part 2, item 44)	
All vehicles prohibited except non-mechanically propelled vehicles being pushed by pedestrians	617 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 11)	
Entry to and waiting in a pedestrian zone restricted	618.3B (Schedule 8, Part 2, item 1)	

Description	TSRGD diagram number & location	
Entry to and waiting in a pedestrian and cycle zone restricted	618.3C (Schedule 8, Part 2, item 2)	 <p>PEDESTRIAN and CYCLE ZONE</p> <p>Mon - Sat 10 am - 4 pm</p> <p>Except  and for loading by </p> <p> At any time</p>
Motor vehicles prohibited	619 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 12)	
Motor vehicles except solo motorcycles prohibited	619.1 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 18)	
Solo motorcycles prohibited	619.2 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 20)	
Goods vehicles exceeding the maximum gross weight indicated on the goods vehicle symbol prohibited	622.1A (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 13)	
One-way traffic	652 (Schedule 9, Part 4, item 5)	
Buses prohibited	952 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 17)	
Route for use by buses, pedal cycles and taxis only	953 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 33)	
Route for use by tramcars only	953.1 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 36)	
Route for use by pedal cycles only	955 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 28)	
Route for use by pedal cycles and by pedestrians only	956 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 29)	
Route comprising two ways, for use by pedal cycles only and by pedestrians only	957 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 32)	

Description	TSRGD diagram number & location	
With-flow cycle lane	959.1 (Schedule 9, Part 4, item 9)	
Contra-flow cycle lane	960.1 (Schedule 9, Part 4, item 6)	
Part of the carriageway outside an entrance where vehicles must not stop when the marking is placed in conjunction with the prescribed upright sign which includes the symbol at Schedule 4, Part 3, item 10	1027.1 (Schedule 7, Part 4, item 10)	
Box junction markings	1043 (Schedule 9, Part 6, item 25)	



Appendix 2

Traffic notices/orders – process

