

BUS SHELTER SEATING PROVISION

AGENDA ITEM No. 10

MEETING: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: 25TH NOVEMBER 2020

REPORTED BY: WORKS AND ENVIRONMENT MANAGER

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to consider the provision of seating associated with Town Council managed bus shelters.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 During a meeting of the Environment Committee on 28th September 2020 there was a request for Officers to investigate the provision of seats associated with Town Council owned bus shelters.

2.2 The Council manage 55 bus shelters and have provided seating in locations where there is known to be high user numbers or have specifically been requested by members of the public in a required location.

2.3 In general the Town Council have an agreement with the land owner for the parcel of land on which the shelters are built with the surrounding land owned by various other land-owners including Durham County Council, the Town Centre Management and Livin Housing Association.

3.0 Further Considerations

3.1 Officers have therefore considered current seating provision associated with shelters against current bus routes. See Appendix 1.

3.2 Further consideration was given to identifying locations where it is likely that there would be a high demand for seating associated with bus travel.

3.3 The Town Centre shelters all have access to seating, either within the shelter or nearby outside.

3.4 Shelters 22/23 on Central Avenue near Tesco have no seating provision. The shelters are known to be regularly used by shoppers often carrying heavy bags. There is limited scope to install a bench exterior to the shelter due to land ownership but a perch bench could be considered for internal installation.

3.5 There are limited concentrations of residential properties where the occupants are likely to use public transport and require seating on current bus routes. It is therefore considered that the best approach is to consider any request for seating on a case by case basis.

3.6 A perch seat as previously installed on Woodham Way within shelter 56 will cost approximately £400 to install.

3.7 It should be noted that there is no budget provision for this type of bus shelter seating. Indeed, £2,500 is budgeted on a 4 yearly cycle to replace Council seating stocks, the next budget is scheduled by 2023/24.

3.8 The Council do have limited stock of seats including the ornate park benches and flat benches, both of which are not appropriate for installation within shelters.

4.0 Policy Implications

4.1 This complies with the Council's Aims and Targets No. 2: -
Aim No. 2. -To Manage the Council's Finances and Assets in a Responsible Manner

5.0 Staffing Implications

5.1 Staff would be required to install any required benches.

6.0 Financial Implications

6.1 There is currently no budget set aside for this project.

6.2 It is likely that a ground mounted perch bench similar to that installed on Woodham Way is likely to cost £400 installed.

7.0 Crime and Disorder Implications

7.1 There is a risk that seating associated with bus shelters could lead to an increase in anti social behaviour and groups congregating around the structure.

8.0 Equal Opportunity Implications

8.1 The benches may benefit those with disabilities.

9.0 Environment Implications

9.1 None

10.0 Risk Assessment

10.1 It is not considered that the matter contained in this report poses a risk to health and safety of staff or to the financial or public standing of the Council to a degree that a risk assessment should be appended to this report.

11.0 General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

11.1 Is any personal or sensitive data required for this proposal which may have any implications for GDPR? **NO**

12.0 Recommendations

12.1 It is recommended that:

- Members receive the report and advise Officers in regard to any shelters that require seating

Table showing location of Town Council Managed Shelters and Seating provision

No	Location	Bus route	Seating
N/A	Heighington Street, Aycliffe Village		N/A
2	A167, Aycliffe Village	X21/7	None
3	A167, Aycliffe Village	X21/7	None
4	Durham Road, Aycliffe Village	X21/7	None
5	Durham Road, Aycliffe Village	X21/7	None
6	Durham Way North, Industrial estate	5/5A	None
7	Durham Way North, Industrial estate	5/5A	None
8	St Cuthbert Way	X21/7/5/5A	None
9	St Cuthbert Way	X21/7/5/5A	None
10	Emerson Way		N/A
11	St Cuthbert Way	X21/7	Outside
12	St Cuthbert Way	X21/7	None
13	Greville Way	5/5A	None
14	Greville Way	5/5A	None
15	Greville Way	5/5A	None
N/A	Greville Way	5/5A	N/A
17	Central Avenue	X21	None
18	Central Avenue	X21	None
19	Central Avenue	X21	None
20	Central Avenue	X21	None
N/A	Burn Lane		N/A
22	Central Avenue	X21/5/5A	None
23	Central Avenue	X21/5/5A	None
24	Central Avenue	X21/5/5A	Outside
25	Central Avenue	X21/5/5A	Outside
26	Central Avenue	X21/5/5A	Outside
27	Stephenson Way	7/5/5A	Outside
28	Stephenson Way	7/5/5A	Inside
29	Stephenson Way	7	None
30	Stephenson Way	7	Outside
31	Pease Way	5/5A	Outside
32	Pease Way	5/5A	None
33	North Cottages, School Aycliffe		None
34	Greenfield Way	5/5A	None
35	Greenfield Way	5/5A	None
36	Williamfield Way	5/5A	None
37	Williamfield Way	5/5A	None
38	Williamfield Way	5/5A	None
39	Williamfield Way	5/5A	None
40	Stephenson Way	7	None
41	Stephenson Way	7	None
42	Greenfield Way	5/5A	None
43	Greenfield Way	5/5A	None
44	Greenfield Way	5/5A	Outside
45	Meadowfield Way		Outside
46	Meadowfield Way		None

47	Burnhill Way	7	None
48	Burnhill Way	7	None
49	Burnhill Way	7	None
50	Burnhill Way	7	None
51	Burn Lane		Inside
52	Burn Lane		Inside
53	Agnew Way	7	None
54	Agnew Way	7	None
55	Agnew Way	7	None
56	Woodham Way	7	Inside
57	Woodham Way	7	None