

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON

COUNCIL SUMMONS

To Members of the Metropolitan Borough Council

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council to be held on **Thursday 7th May, 2009 at 6.30 pm at the Town Hall, Southport** to transact the business set out on the agenda overleaf.

Yours sincerely,

Legal Director

Town Hall,
Southport

28 April 2009

Please contact Steve Pearce, Head of Committee and Member Services
on 0151 934 2046 or e-mail steve.pearce@legal.sefton.gov.uk

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A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Members and Officers are requested to give notice of any personal or prejudicial interest and the nature of that interest, relating to any item on the agenda in accordance with the relevant Code of Conduct.

3. Minutes

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Minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2009

4. Mayor's Communications

Public Session

5. Matters Raised by the Public

To deal with matters raised by members of the public within the Borough, in accordance with the procedures relating to Petitions, Public Questions and Motions set out in Rule 11 of the Council and procedure Rules.

(Details of any further Petitions notified or Questions submitted to the Legal Director by members of the public in accordance with Rule 11 will be circulated at the meeting).

Council Business Session

6. Questions Raised by Members of the Council

To receive and consider questions to Cabinet Members, Chairs of Committees or Spokespersons for any of the Joint Authorities upon any matter within their portfolio/area of responsibility, of which notice has been given in accordance with Rule 12 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules.

7. Appointment of the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet, Committees and Spokespersons for 2009/10

Details of the proposed nominations will be circulated prior to the commencement of the Meeting.

8. Appointment of Representatives on Joint Authorities 2009/10

Details of the proposed representation on the following bodies will be circulated prior to the commencement of the Meeting:

- (i) Merseyside Fire and Civil Defence Authority
- (ii) Merseyside Passenger Transport Authority
- (iii) Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority
- (iv) Merseyside Police Authority (nominations only – appointments will be made by the Merseyside Police Authority Appointments Committee)

9. Churchtown and North Meols Conservation Areas Appraisal (Pages 11 - 22)

Report of the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director

10. Matters dealt with in accordance with Rule 16 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (Special Urgency) of the Constitution (Pages 23 - 24)

Report of the Leader of the Council.

11. Matters dealt with in accordance with Rule 17 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Call-In and Urgency) of the Constitution (Pages 25 - 28)

Report of the Legal Director.

12. Notice of Motion by Councillor T Jones

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor T Jones:

“That in order to assist Sefton residents, with limited financial means to purchase grave plots (currently costing £618), this Council requests the Cabinet to agree to the establishment of a ‘payment by instalments plan’ by which grave plots can be purchased by residents in affordable stages, subject to the Council being satisfied that any remaining outstanding balance due would be met from the deceased’s estate.”

13. Exclusion of the Press and Public

To consider passing the following resolution:

That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act. The Public Interest Test has been applied and favours exclusion of the information from the Press and Public.

14. Pay And Grading Review - Implementation Strategy

Report of the Personnel Director

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COUNCIL

MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE ON THURSDAY 26TH MARCH, 2009

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Tweed) (in the Chair)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Doran) (Vice Chair)

Councillors Barber, Bigley, Blackburn, Booth, Bradshaw, Brady, Brodie - Browne, Byrom, Cluskey, Connell, Cummins, Cuthbertson, Dodd, M Dowd, P Dowd, Fairclough, Lord Fearn, M Fearn, Fenton, Friel, Gibson, Glover, Griffiths, Gustafson, Hands, D Hardy, P Hardy, Hill, Hough, Howe, Ibbs, D Jones, T Jones, Kerrigan, Maher, Mahon, C Mainey, S Mainey, McGinnity, Moncur, Papworth, Parry, Pearson, Platt, Preston, D Rimmer, Roberts, Shaw, Storey, Sumner, Tattersall, Veidman, Sir Ron Watson, Weavers and Webster

90. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brennan, Byrne, Colbert, Larkin, McGuire, Porter, B. Rimmer, Robertson and Tonkiss.

91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

92. MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 February 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

93. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Stan Mercer

The Mayor reported with great sadness that Mr. Stan Mercer - Mayor Attendant, had been recently diagnosed with the later stages of Leukaemia. The thoughts of the Council were extended to Stan, his wife Sharon and their family.

Mayoral Ball

The Mayor reported that the Mayor of Sefton's Charity Ball held in the Royal Clifton Hotel in Southport on 13 March 2009 had been a resounding success and in excess of £4000 was made towards the Mayor's Charity.

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He extended his thanks to all those who attended and to those who contributed in any way.

Fairtrade Event

The Mayor reported that the Civic and Mayoral Services Section with the kind assistance of VMI Ltd had held a "Fairtrade Tasting Session" in the Mayor's Parlour in Southport Town Hall on 26 February 2009. The event was a success with over 60 visitors attending on the day.

PUBLIC SESSION

94. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

The Mayor reported that members of the public had not submitted any petitions or questions.

COUNCIL BUSINESS SESSION

95. QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The Council considered a schedule which provided details of the written questions submitted by Councillors Papworth, Booth and Shaw to the Leader of the Council and by Councillor Shaw to the Cabinet Member - Communities together with the written responses from the Leader and Cabinet Member.

Councillors Papworth and Shaw put forward a supplementary question to the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for a written response due to their absence from the meeting.

96. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2009/10

Further to Minute No. 273 of the Cabinet Meeting held on 26 February 2009, the Council considered the report of the Legal Director which detailed the programme of meetings for the 2009/10 Municipal Year.

It was moved by Councillor Brodie-Browne, seconded by Councillor Blackburn and

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the comments of the Cabinet set out in paragraph 2(2) of the report relating to the arrangements for Area Committee meetings be noted;
- (2) the Programme of Meetings for the Council; Regulatory Committees; Overview and Scrutiny Committees; Area Committees; and Members' Briefings for 2009/10 as set out in Annexes A, B and

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C of the report be approved subject to the meeting of the Southport Area Committee on 13 May 2009 been revised to 20 May 2009;

- (3) the meeting of the Cabinet scheduled to be held on 7 May 2009 be rearranged to take place on 14 May 2009; and
- (4) subject to (3) above, the Programme of Meetings for Cabinet and Cabinet Members, as set out in Annexe D of the report, be noted.

97. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2008/09

There were no changes made to the membership of Committees.

98. MATTERS DEALT WITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 16 OF THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES (SPECIAL URGENCY) OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Council received a report of the Leader of the Council setting out details of those matters dealt with in accordance with Rule 16 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (Special Urgency).

99. MATTERS DEALT WITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 17 OF THE SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES (CALL-IN AND URGENCY) OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Council considered a report of the Legal Director setting out details of those matters dealt with in accordance with Rule 17 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Call-In and Urgency).

100. NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SIR RON WATSON

It was moved by Councillor Sir Ron Watson and seconded by Councillor D. Jones.

“That the Council:

- (1) views with concern, proposals to introduce a new level of Council Tax for “Nice Neighbourhoods”;
- (2) believes that such an increase in Council Tax cannot be justified and would be particularly unfair on those communities that have made a positive effort to improve their environment;
- (3) expresses concern that the only comment from the Government is that there are no proposals to introduce such a new tax level “in the current Parliament”;
- (4) understands that the Government Department concerned has already produced a map of each Local Authority Area showing the properties likely to be affected and calls for this to be released to

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Sefton as a matter of urgency in view of the public concern over this matter.”

During the debate thereon, Councillor P. Dowd moved a form of wording to amend the motion, which was ruled out of order by the Mayor.

Following further debate thereon, the motion was put to the vote and, on a show of hands, the Mayor declared the motion was carried by 36 votes to 20 and it was RESOLVED:

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REPORT TO: Planning Committee
Cabinet
Council

DATE: 8th April 2009
16th April 2009
7th May 2009

SUBJECT: Churchtown and North Meols Conservation Areas Appraisal

WARDS AFFECTED: Meols

REPORT OF: Planning and Economic Regeneration Director

CONTACT OFFICER: Dorothy Bradwell – Tele 0151 934 3574

**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

To seek Planning Committee, Cabinet and Council's endorsement of the contents of the Churchtown and North Meols Conservation Areas Appraisal and adopt the proposed amendments to the Churchtown Conservation Area boundaries as proposed (Appendix 1).

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

To fulfil the Council's duty under sections 69 and 71 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (as amended).

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Planning Committee:

- (i) Recommend to Cabinet that the Churchtown and North Meols Conservation Areas Appraisal be adopted as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.
- (ii) Recommend to Cabinet that they approve the proposed amendments to the Churchtown Conservation Area boundaries shown on the plan appended at Annex 1 under Section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (as amended).

That Cabinet

- (i) Agree the recommendations from Planning Committee and refer these to Council for approval and adoption.

That Council:

- (i) Adopts the Churchtown and North Meols Conservation Areas Appraisal as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.
- (ii) Approves the proposed amendments to the Conservation Area boundaries shown on the plan appended at Annex 1 under Section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (as amended).

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KEY DECISION: N/A

FORWARD PLAN: N/A

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: N/A

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:
N/A

IMPLICATIONS:

Budget/Policy Framework: N/A

Financial: N/A

Legal: N/A

Risk Assessment: N/A

Asset Management: N/A

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

PUBLIC CONSULTATION: A public meeting was held in St Cuthbert's Church, Churchtown on 11th February 2009. The meeting was well attended and a small number of written comments have since been received. The appraisal has been amended in line with relevant comments.

CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		X	
2	Creating Safe Communities		X	
3	Jobs and Prosperity		X	
4	Improving Health and Well-Being		X	
5	Environmental Sustainability		X	
6	Creating Inclusive Communities		X	
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy	X		
8	Children and Young People		X	

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Sefton UDP

Planning Policy Guidance Note 15: Planning and the Historic Environment

English Heritage Guidance: Conservation area appraisals - Defining the special architecture or historic interest of Conservation Areas.

BACKGROUND:

Section 71 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 places a statutory duty on local planning authorities to prepare proposals for the preservation and enhancement for any conservation areas that they designate.

Section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 places a statutory duty on local planning authorities to from time to time review the past exercise of functions under this section and to determine whether any parts or any further parts of their area should be designated as conservation areas; and, if so, designate those parts accordingly.

On 12th April 2006 in recognition of these duties Planning Committee agreed to employ consultants to prepare draft conservation area appraisals.

The draft Churchtown and North Meols Conservation Areas Appraisal is the last of the commissioned appraisals to be produced and has now undergone public consultation.

The recommendations of the appraisal include proposals to alter the current boundaries of the Conservation Areas.

A map showing the proposed extension to the conservation area is appended to this report along with the section of the appraisals that explain why the change is proposed (Appendix 1).

Public Comments

A public meeting took place on 11th February 2009 at St Cuthbert's Church, Churchtown. Issues concerning the contents of the Conservation Area Appraisal were discussed with residents who were invited to formally put their comments in writing to the Council. Three letters of comment and a petition have been received.

Boundary Amendments

A petition and a letter were received which objected to the proposed boundary changes to the conservation area, which would have seen the inclusion of the cul-de-sac properties on Mill Lane. The Planning Director agrees with the residents grounds of objection – that the buildings are not of historic merit - and as such the extended boundary has been amended to omit these properties.

Traffic

A letter of support was received in respect of the suggestions within the appraisal relating to the reduction of traffic.

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Historical information

As a result of the Public consultation a significant amount of local historical information was gratefully received from the North Meols Civic Society. The local historical Information has been incorporated within the document.

Planning Decisions

The adoption of the Appraisal as a material consideration in planning decisions will help to guide the form and appearance of new developments in the conservation area, to ensure that they are appropriate to their context.

Content of Appraisal

The contents page of the Appraisal is given in Appendix 2, the full detailed Conservation Area Appraisal is available to view on request to Dorothy Bradwell Dorothy.bradwell@planning.sefton.gov.uk or 0151-934-3584.

Once adopted, the appraisal will be published on the Sefton Council website.

Appendix 1: Proposed alterations to Existing Conservation Area Boundary of Churchtown Conservation Area.

9.0 RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO CONSERVATION AREA BOUNDARIES

9.1 Current Designated Boundaries

The existing Conservation Area boundaries have been set in a succession of designations as described in section 1 of this report. Both Churchtown and North Meols Conservation Areas started with a core area which has then been extended outwards.

The North Meols Conservation Area originally extended as far as the stream known as the Pool which runs through the park. However from the house and from the entrance area this stream has no visual presence or significance and so it was felt desirable to extend the area to the limits of the near views, which is the curtilage planting of the park.

There is no need to suggest any changes to this as the status and condition of the area remains constant and, protected in this way there seems to be no pressing need for any alteration.

The Botanic Gardens was designated at the same time as the first part of Meols Hall park and, again there seems little reason to change the main boundary lines.

The Churchtown village area was the first Conservation Area to be designated in this area in 1973 and incorporated the village square, the church and churchyard and the length of Botanic Road as far as the beginning of Mill Road and including part of Churchgate. The boundaries of the area were, on the north west and south sides not particularly easy to define – the definition partly being made by visual barriers and partly by plot boundaries and in some cases both.

In 1989 additions were made to the Conservation Area in four locations, the major one being the inclusion of part of Cambridge Road up to the roundabout and Manor Road nearby. Small extensions were made to the ‘corners’ of the area in three locations to rationalise, to include additional historic structures, and in the south to protect both sides of the lane to Meols Hall.

9.2 Amendments

Following this review and assessment of the two Conservation Areas it is proposed that there be one additional included within the Churchtown Conservation Area.

Mill Lane

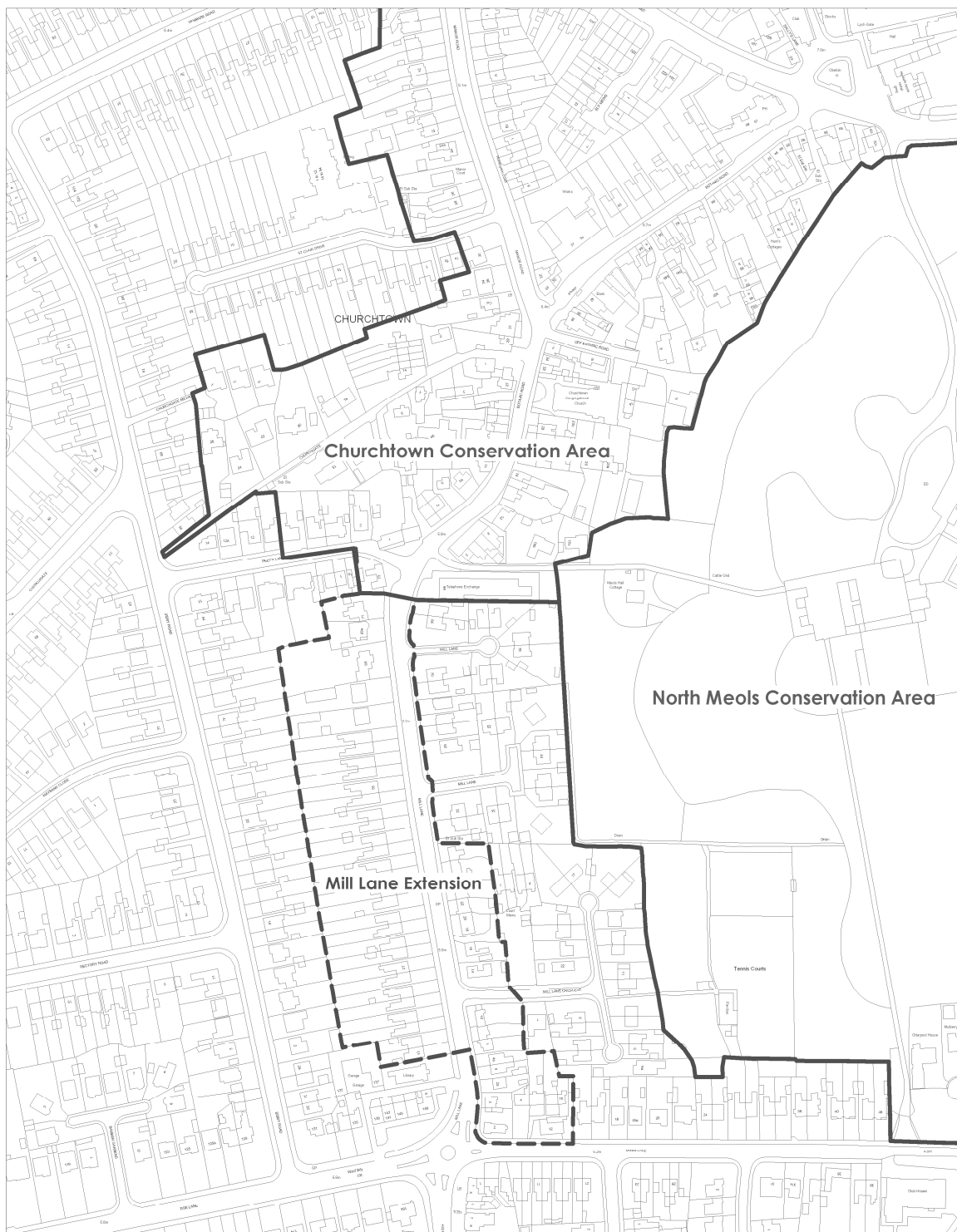
Proceeding south down Mill Lane from the south end of Botanic Road it comes as quite a surprise to discover a further substantial row of single storey white cottages on the left and further substantial Victorian villas on the right, all of similar character and quality to those within the main body of the Conservation Area. On the east side of the Lane the continuity of the historic structures is broken by some late C20 houses, which are not proposed for inclusion. Many of the single storey cottages are listed and of a character similar to those in the main body of the Conservation Area.

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It is recommended that there is sufficient strength of character within this street, and sufficient consistency with the main part of the Conservation Area to make it a worthwhile extension. The fact that this area, not designated as a Conservation Area is so close to a similar area which is protected raises questions with residents and visitors.

The south boundary would be formed by the north side of the road known as Moss Lane. On the opposite side the boundary should extend as far as 13 Mill Lane. The exact definition of the boundary in this area needs careful consideration on site. The east and west boundaries would be formed by the rear boundaries of the properties which immediately abut Mill Lane.

This southerly extension would provide a worthwhile reinforcement of the character and a more considered and definite approach to the core of the area.



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Andy Wallis - Director

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Plan showing the Mill Lane extension
to Churchtown Conservation Area

OSGR: 336351, 418183

Sheet(s):

Area: 355724 sqm

Plan 1

Standard Site Plan

Scale: 1:5000

Date: 24/3/2009

Drawn By: PEARV on

Contact Officer: VCP

Plan Ref: G:GIS/Wkdata/Conservation

Ward(s): Norwood, Meols

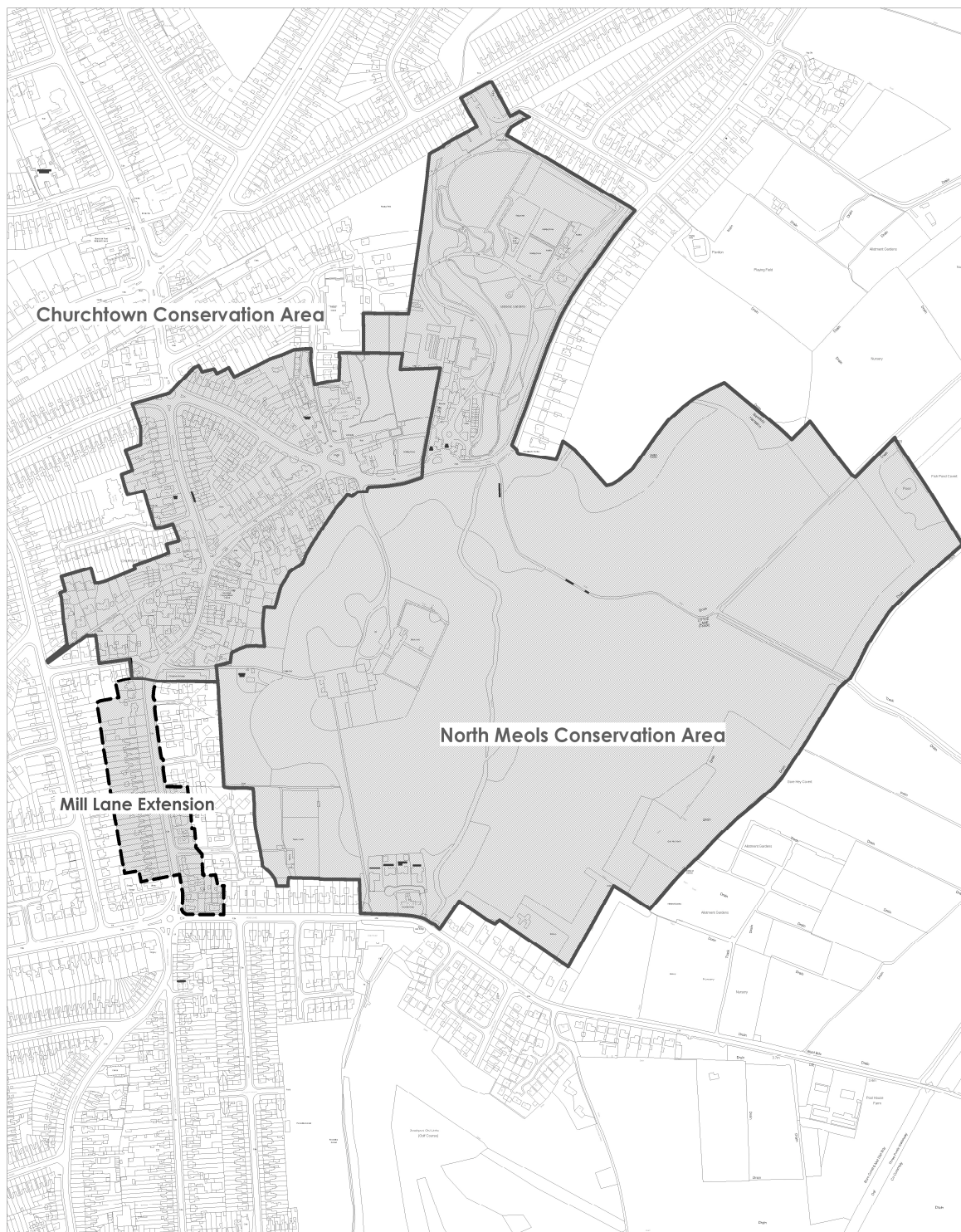
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Polling District(s): Y5, Y6, Y6

Parish(es): None Found



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Parish(es): None Found



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CHURCHTOWN AND NORTH MEOLS CONSERVATION AREAS APPRAISAL

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REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL - MATTERS DEALT WITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 16 OF THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES (SPECIAL URGENCY)

I wish to report that the Chair of the Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee has given his consent, under Rule 16 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules, to the following issue being dealt with, on the basis that the decisions could not be reasonably deferred.

CABINET - 16 APRIL 2009

320. BOOTLE STADIUM

Further to Minute No. 63 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member - Leisure and Tourism held on 25 March 2009, the Cabinet considered the report of the Leisure Director which indicated that the Bootle Community Sports Stadium Ltd. had been unable to attract the necessary funding to refurbish the building, and recommended that due to health and safety concerns, the centre now be demolished.

The building had been closed for public use since 30 April 2006, and had since suffered increasing vandalism, to the roof in particular, and had become a potential hazard.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) approval be given to the transfer of Bootle Stadium to the Strategic Asset Management Group and for its demolition to be undertaken as soon as possible;
- (2) the Bootle Community Sports Stadium Group be thanked for their efforts in attempting to raise funding for the Stadium and the Leisure Director be requested to endeavour to retain community use for the existing tennis courts on the site; and
- (3) it be noted that the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services) had given his consent under Rule 16 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules for this key decision to be treated as urgent on the basis that the decision cannot be reasonably deferred because demolition of the building needs to be approved for health and safety reasons.

Councillor Tony Robertson
Leader of the Council

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REPORT OF THE LEGAL DIRECTOR - MATTERS DEALT WITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 17 OF THE SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES (CALL-IN AND URGENCY)

I wish to report that the Chair of the Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee has given his consent, under Rule 17 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, to the following issue being dealt with, on the basis that the decisions could not be reasonably deferred and therefore not subject to call-in.

CABINET - 19 MARCH 2009

292. ECONOMIC DOWNTURN AND PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

Further to Minute No. 129 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member - Technical Services held on 11 March 2009 and Minute No. 107 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member - Regeneration held on 18 March 2009, the Cabinet considered the report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environmental Services which provided details of the implications of the economic downturn and proposals for action in the short and medium terms; and indicating that a decision on this matter was required to obtain agreement to a number of measures to assist local businesses and residents affected by the economic downturn in Sefton.

The proposal was a Key Decision but, unfortunately, had not been included in the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions. Consequently, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services) has been consulted under Rule 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Constitution, to the decision being made as a matter of urgency on the basis that it was impracticable to defer the decision until the commencement of the next Forward Plan because of the need to take a number of 'quick win' actions to address the impact of the economic downturn, particularly relating to the retail sector in the Borough.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) approval be given to the following immediate action being taken to protect the Town Centres in Bootle, Southport, East Sefton, Formby and Crosby:
 - introduction of the free use of all Southport Park and Ride Services at weekends and during public holidays for a period of 12 weeks;
 - introduction of free parking on Saturdays only at Council operated car parks in Crosby from 10.30 a.m. onwards for a period of 12 weeks;
 - where possible, the introduction of barrier parking in Crosby be brought forward;
 - subject to funding support from Area Committees and Parish Councils, maps of shopping centres and parades in Formby and East Sefton be developed, and erected at these locations;

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- the marketing and promotion campaign be supported as outlined in Annex A of the report;
 - consultation being carried out with retail centres not covered in Annex A; and
 - the Sefton Business Village Partnership be requested to work with property owners of vacant shops to facilitate 'window dressing';
- (2) in order to support major employers at risk and minimise the impact of unavoidable closures of disinvestment, the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director be authorised to:
- monitor all corporate employers in the borough and detect early warning signs requiring action;
 - establish a rapid response team with expertise in employee counselling, jobsearch, transitional employment and post-employment support operating within the Regional Response Framework; and
 - approach Jobcentre Plus with a view to signing a local employment partnership and thereafter report back to Cabinet Members and the Cabinet;
- (3) officers consult and advise businesses regularly on the problems they face and help they can access by:
- issuing a regular newsletter in conjunction with the Sefton Business Village Partnership and the Chamber and Federation of Small Businesses, to keep the business community informed of news and opportunities;
 - implementing a "Real Help for Sefton Businesses", based on and extending the national campaign, to provide a complete picture of what help is available and from where;
 - the Finance and Information Services Director providing regular update reports on Sefton Council's performance against its prompt payment targets; and
 - agreeing that opportunities to increase flexibility in localising procurement and increasing the competitiveness of local suppliers be explored further and reported back;
- (4) appropriate support be developed for those recently entering the labour market by Jobcentre Plus, Sefton@work and our local independent providers be requested to assess the needs of new entrance to the labour market in Sefton and agree an immediate plan for supporting clients that complements the Regional Response Framework and makes use of local resources and opportunities;

- (5) in order to co-ordinate support services to minimise the impact of the recession on the families and communities most affected, the Council and its VCO partners review the impact of the recession on personal and community support services, with a view to assessing and mitigating the risks posed to social cohesion, and bringing forward a plan of action;
- (6) a further report be submitted in three months on the successes and outcomes of the proposals referred to above; and
- (7) it be noted that the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services) had given his consent under Rule 17 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules for call-in period to be waived in respect of these decisions because of the need to implement actions with immediate effect to address the impact of the economic downturn, particularly relating to the retail sector in the Borough.

C. J. Elwood
Legal Director

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