

MEETING: CABINET MEMBER - TECHNICAL SERVICES

DATE: Wednesday 17 November 2010

TIME: 10.00 am

VENUE: Town Hall, Bootle (This meeting will also be video conferenced to the Town Hall, Southport)

Councillor

DECISION MAKER: Fairclough  
 SUBSTITUTE: Maher

SPOKESPERSONS: Jones Tonkiss

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- any Executive decision where the outcome will have a significant impact on a significant number of people living or working in two or more Wards

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# A G E N D A

Items marked with an \* involve key decisions

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Subject/Author(s)</u>	<u>Wards Affected</u>	
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>		
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> 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.	<b>Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 November 2010</b>		(Pages 5 - 8)
4.	<b>Southport Cycle Town - Proposed Cycle Track - Birkdale To Ainsdale</b> Report of the Chief Executive	Ainsdale; Dukes;	(Pages 9 - 14)
5.	<b>Landscaped Areas Adjacent To The Asda Store Bootle - Section 228 Adoption Of The Highways Act 1980</b> Report of the Planning and Economic Development Director	Linacre;	(Pages 15 - 20)
6.	<b>Local Transport Plan - Allocation Of Capital Contributions For 2010/11 And 2011/12 Onwards</b> Report of the Planning and Economic Development Director	All Wards;	(Pages 21 - 26)
7.	<b>Ledsons Canal Bridge Spencers Lane Melling - Request For Temporary Closure</b> Report of the Planning and Economic Development Director	Molyneux;	(Pages 27 - 32)
8.	<b>Car Parking Promotions - Christmas 2010</b> Report of the Planning and Economic Development Director	Blundellsands; Manor; Victoria;	(Pages 33 - 38)

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**THE "CALL IN" PERIOD FOR THIS SET OF MINUTES ENDS AT 12 NOON ON FRIDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2010.**

## **CABINET MEMBER - TECHNICAL SERVICES**

### **MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE ON WEDNESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor Fairclough

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Jones, Parry and Tonkiss

#### **93. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

#### **94. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

#### **95. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2010**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

#### **96. SEFTON SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN PROPOSALS**

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Environmental and Technical Services Director on the work being undertaken in relation to the Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP) for Sefton and identifying the strategic objectives, processes and parties involved in the preparation of the Plan.

The report indicated that a SWMP Steering Group had been set up, comprising officers from Sefton Council, the Environment Agency, United Utilities and Capita Symonds. The strategic objectives for the SWMP agreed by the Steering Group were attached as Annex A to the report.

RESOLVED:

That subject to confirmation on funding from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the submission of a report to Cabinet to include the proposal in the Capital Programme, the development and implementation of a communications plan for Surface Water Management Proposals be approved.

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## **97. LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Environmental and Technical Services Director on new duties being placed on the Council, from April 2011, in relation to local flood risk management.

Attached as an Appendix to the report was a fact sheet summarising the implications of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, which placed responsibility on local authorities, "for leading the co-ordination of flood risk management in their areas".

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Government's intention to place additional duties on the Council as a Lead Local Flood Authority be noted;
- (2) the Government's intention to fund these additional duties via Area Based Grant be noted;
- (3) the need for resources to be included in future budgets to deliver the new burdens and the provision of a Client function be noted; and
- (4) once detailed Government figures are made available, a further report be submitted to the Cabinet Member outlining the resource implications to the Council to undertake the additional duties referred to in the report.

## **98. SOUTHPORT CYCLE TOWN - EAST WEST LINK**

Further to Minute No. 58 of the meeting held on 11 August 2010, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director seeking approval for the proposed East-West Cycle route along Portland Street, Southport; and detailing the results of the consultation exercise undertaken in respect of the proposals.

The report indicated that following the consultation exercise, amendments to the scheme had been made and that the proposed scheme now comprised of the following elements:

- 20 mph zone between Duke Street and Eastbank Street/Southbank Road including Portland Street. (There would be no physical measures introduced on the side streets)
- Speed tables on Portland Street at the junctions with each of the minor side roads, with pinch points placed between each of the junctions, planted with trees/shrubs to reduce traffic speeds and improve the environment

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- Mini roundabout on speed table at junction of Portland Street/Shakespeare Street
- Opening up of gaps in central reserve of Lord Street to allow cyclists to cross from Portland Street to Coronation Walk.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the responses to the East-West link consultation exercise be noted;
- (2) the introduction of the 20 mph zone, speed tables, mini roundabout and opening of gaps to the road closure on Lord Street for cyclists be approved in principle, subject to further consideration and a report to the Cabinet Member on the number and spacing of the proposed speed tables and investigation into the suitability of carriageway conditions were they are proposed to be sited; and
- (3) the proposed build outs containing trees be omitted from the proposals due to the difficulties in introducing trees along Portland Street.

**99. CROSBY CIVIC HALL/LIBRARY, HOUGOUMONT AVENUE, CROSBY COASTAL PARK, BLUCHER STREET AND BURBO BANK CAR PARKS - PROPOSED CAR PARK CHARGING ORDER**

Further to Minute No. 75 of 22 September 2010, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director seeking a decision on a proposal to introduce Pay and Display Parking in the Waterloo and Crosby Coastal off-street car parks; and indicating that a decision on this matter was required as Council, on 17 December 2009, approved for inclusion in 2010/11 and future Council budgets income of £77,000 to be generated from the introduction of Pay and Display Parking in the Waterloo and Crosby Coastal area off-street car parks; the decision on the detail of the parking scheme and hence necessary Traffic Regulation Orders for how this was to be achieved was delegated to the Crosby Area Committee. However, at their meeting on 20 January 2010, the Crosby Area Committee referred the matter to Cabinet Member - Technical Services. Hence a decision of the Cabinet Member was now required to achieve the Council's budget approvals.

The report detailed the Cabinet Member's review of the requests made by the Crosby Area Committee and local traders on the following issues:

- initial free period for short stay parking
- residents' permits
- operational times - leisure car parks
- review of on-street parking

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- refunds
- consultation
- displaced parking
- improvements to car parks

The report also detailed the recommended scale of charges and their hours of operation.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders for the introduction of a Pay and Display Car Parking scheme for the Waterloo and Crosby coastal off-street car parks, as detailed in the report, be approved;
- (2) the implementation costs to be funded in full or in part from within the Technical Services portfolio if identified as a result of the current financial exercise, and/or through Prudential borrowing as indicated in the report;
- (3) the Traffic Services Manager be authorised to progress the necessary legal procedures, including those of public consultation and advertising the Council's intention to implement the orders; and
- (4) the report be referred to the Cabinet Member - Leisure and Tourism for information.



# Agenda Item 4

**REPORT TO:** CABINET MEMBER – TECHNICAL SERVICES  
**DATE:** 17 NOVEMBER 2010  
**SUBJECT:** SOUTHPORT CYCLE TOWN – PROPOSED CYCLE TRACK – BIRKDALE TO AINSDALE  
**WARDS AFFECTED:** AINSDALE AND DUKES  
**REPORT OF:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
**CONTACT OFFICER:** MARGARET CARNEY - 0151-934-2057  
**EXEMPT/  
CONFIDENTIAL:** NO

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

To reconsider the Cabinet Member decision taken on 20 October 2010 relating to the progression of the above scheme to a planning application and should the application be successful, the scheme be referred back to the Cabinet Member - Technical Services seeking authorisation for the scheme to be constructed.

**REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:**

The decision is required due to the internal and external cost associated with the approval process, the prioritisation of management capacity to respond to the councils challenging financial situation and the risk that the funding will not be committed in time and will have to be repaid.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

It is recommended that Cabinet Member approve the following action:

1. Rescind the decision contained in Minute No 90 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member – Technical Services held on 20 October 2010; and
2. That no further action be taken on the scheme for the reasons set out in the report.

**KEY DECISION:** No  
**FORWARD PLAN:** Not appropriate  
**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** Upon the expiry of the call-in period following the publication of the minutes of the meeting

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**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:** The Cabinet members could choose not to rescind his decision and the scheme would progress as previously outlined.

## IMPLICATIONS:

### Budget/Policy Framework:

**Financial:** The proposal will be funded by a grant from Cycling England, specifically provided for this project.

<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>2010/ 2011 £</b>	<b>2011/ 2012 £</b>	<b>2012/ 2013 £</b>	<b>2013/ 2014 £</b>
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure	125,000			
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources	125,000			
<b><u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u></b>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y	March 2011			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

### Legal:

**Risk Assessment:** N/A

**Asset Management:** N/A

### CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

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## CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

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

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

NIL

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This proposal was first reported to Cabinet Member on the 13<sup>th</sup> January and to Cabinet on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010 when it was included in the Capital Programme.
- 1.2 The resolution of the Cabinet Member gave officers the authorisation to proceed with the scheme and this resulted in a planning application being submitted in February 2010
- 1.3.1 A number of objections to the planning application were received and allegations were made that there had been insufficient consultation.
- 1.4 Following consultation with the Cabinet Member – Technical Services, it was decided that it would be prudent to withdraw the planning application. With the intention to undertake a far more extensive consultation process in June / July before submitting a further planning application for the route.
- 1.5 A report submitted by the Planning and Economic Development Director to the Cabinet Member – Technical Services on 20 October 2010 set out the current position. The Cabinet Member under Minute 90 agreed:

That

- (1) the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director, the two petitions and the resolution (Minute No. 88) of the Southport Area Committee be noted;
  - (2) the Birkdale to Ainsdale Cycle Track scheme be progressed to the planning application stage and should the planning application be successful, the scheme be referred back to the Cabinet Member - Technical Services seeking authorisation for the scheme to be constructed; and
  - (3) the views of the Cabinet Member - Leisure and Tourism, as portfolio holder with responsibility for the land, be sought on the proposal.
- 1.6 The decision of the Cabinet Member was subsequently 'called – in' by Councillors Preece, Hands and D. Rimmer in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules for the following reasons:
    1. The Department (Tech. Services) did not follow the Council's consultation rules in the 2<sup>nd</sup> consultation.
    2. The wishes of the majority of Ainsdale and Birkdale residents were against this route. As was the Southport Area Committee and that was ignored.

3. Cycle England had suggested that they would fund improvements to the existing Cycle Path by the Coastal Road which was rejected by the officers without ward members being aware of the fact.
  4. If this proposal is forwarded then both routes should have an Environmental Impact Study as well as costing. (The existing coastal road route being the preferred route of Ainsdale and Birkdale residents.)
- 1.7 The call-in request is due to be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services) on 23 November 2010 and in accordance with the call-in procedures, the Committee may (a) refer the decision back to the decision maker (the Cabinet Member) or on to full Council, or (b) not refer the decision back for further consideration.
  - 1.8 If the decision was referred back to the Cabinet Member or in deed to the full Council Meeting on 16 December 2010, the Cabinet Member would need to review his original decision and there would be further delays in progressing the scheme to the planning application stage.

## **2. CURRENT POSITION**

- 2.1 As the Cabinet member is aware the Council is facing a significantly challenging financial position. Members have been informed recently that a review of all ongoing projects will be undertaken to ensure that financial risk is minimised and we maximise management capacity to deal with the financial challenges and organisational change we are going through. Having reviewed this scheme, I would make the following comments
  - a) To progress the scheme to final decision is likely to equate to around 225 hours of staff time at an estimated cost of over £15,000. While it is likely that the majority of this cost would be eligible for Cycling England Funding, significant management and member capacity will be expended on this scheme given its complexity and history.
  - b) Based on a forward timetable the approval process could take until March 2011 to complete assuming its progress through Overview and Scrutiny, Cabinet Members and Planning and given the potential for any decision to be called in at the appropriate points.
  - c) The current Cycling England Funding is only available until the end of March 2011. If it is not committed by then any balance of unspent funding will have to be returned.
  - d) If the Council wished to continue with the scheme after that date a new bid would have to be submitted to the new "Sustainable Transport Fund" that is to include Cycling England Funding from 2011/12 onwards. Bids will not be restricted to existing Cycle Towns and may be eligible at the Merseyside level only. The detailed criteria for this fund is still awaited.

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2.2 Given the above issues it is my view that the ability of the Council to commit this funding within the grant deadlines is limited. In addition significant staff time and cost will be expended at a time when the Council needs that capacity to deliver against its financial and service objectives. The Cabinet Member is therefore requested to consider this new information and rescind his previous decision to progress the scheme to its next stage.

## **3. RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 It is recommended that Cabinet Member approve the following action:

- 1) Rescind the decision contained in Minute No 90 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member – Technical Services held on 20 October 2010; and
- 2) That no further action be taken on the scheme for the reasons set out in the report.

# Agenda Item 5

**REPORT TO:** CABINET MEMBER – TECHNICAL SERVICES

**DATE:** 17 NOVEMBER 2010

**SUBJECT:** HIGHWAYS ACT 1980, SECTION 228 ADOPTION.

**WARDS AFFECTED:** LINACRE

**REPORT OF:** Andy Wallis Director of Planning & Economic Development

**CONTACT OFFICER:** D. Marrin – Traffic Services Manager – Ext. 4295  
M. Hunter – Highways Development Control – Ext. 4240

**EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL:** No

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

To seek approval for the Legal Director in conjunction with the Director of Planning and Economic Development to legally adopt an area of highway as detailed below, pursuant to s228 of the Highways Act 1980 on behalf of the Assistant Director Transportation and Spatial Development.

**REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:**

The decision is required in order to allow the Local Authority to legally maintain and adopt an area of highway, which does not form part of the adopted highway network at the present time.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

It is recommended that: -

The Director of Legal Services be authorised in conjunction with the Director of Planning and Economic Development to adopt an area of highway pursuant to Section 228 of the Highways Act, 1980 at the location as detailed within the report and shown upon the attached plan.

**KEY DECISION:** No

**FORWARD PLAN:** No

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** Following the expiry of the 'call in' period for the minutes of the meeting.

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**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

There are no alternative options.

**IMPLICATIONS:**

**Budget/Policy Framework:** None

**Financial:** The applicants have met the legal and administrative cost of the adoption.

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Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure	N/A			
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<b><u>REVENUE EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources	No			
Funded from External Sources	Yes			
Does external funding have an expiry date? Y/N	No			
How will the service be funded post expiry				

**Legal:**

**Risk Assessment:** None

**Asset Management:** None



**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**

None

**CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:**

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

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

None

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## **1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Traffic Services Manager has processed an application as detailed below to dedicate land to be taken as adopted highway under s228 of the Highways Act 1980.
- 1.2 A new Asda superstore was constructed in 2007/8 which included landscaping improvements to the adjoining Council owned land.
- 1.3 A section 278 Highways Act 1980 agreement was entered into with the developer and the adoption of this land was agreed dependant upon the area of landscaping being constructed to adoptable standards.

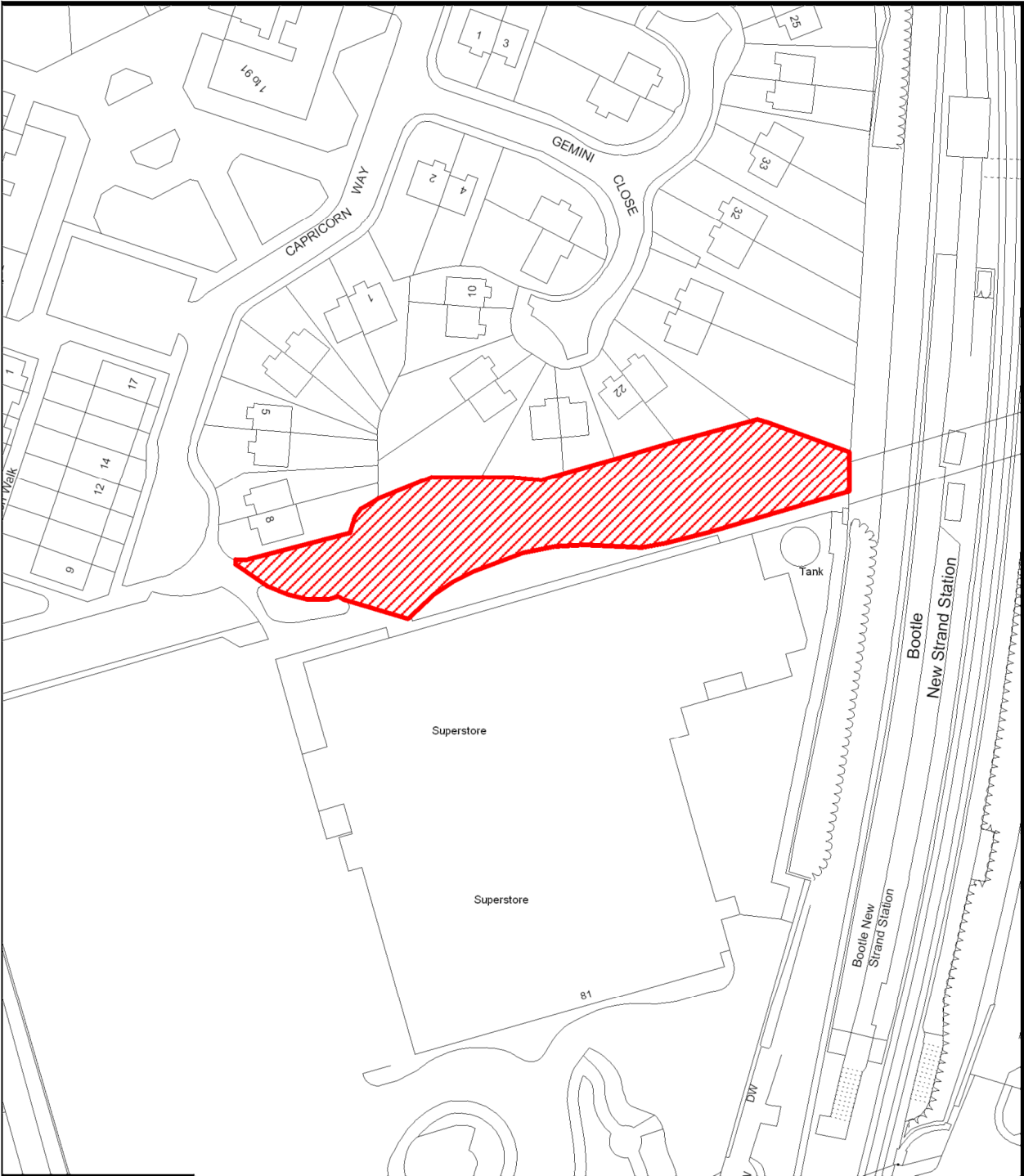
### **Areas of Landscaping adjoining Asda Superstore, 81 Strand Road, Bootle.**




- 1.4 The location of the proposed adoption is shown upon the attached plan numbered DC0686
- 1.5 The Ward Councillors have been informed of the application and have raised no concerns or objections to-date.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 A Section 228 Highways Act 1980 application is essentially approved for the Local Highway Authority to adopt a piece of land which has been dedicated by a third party. Land of this nature will only be considered for adoption if it is brought up to adoption standard prior to the application.

**Andy Wallis**  
**Director of Planning and Economic Development**



<b>SEFTON M.B.C.</b> 	<p><b>Section 228 Highways Act 1980</b>  <b>Landscaped Areas</b>  <b>Adjacent to Asda Superstore</b>  <b>81 Strand Road, Bootle.</b></p> <p>Area of adoption shown as: </p>													
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# Agenda Item 6

**REPORT TO:** Cabinet Member Technical Services  
Cabinet

**DATE:** 17th November 2010  
25<sup>th</sup> November 2010

**SUBJECT:** Local Transport Plan – Allocation of Capital Contributions for  
2010/11 and 2011/12 Onwards

**WARDS** All  
**AFFECTED:**  
**REPORT OF:** Andy Wallis Director of Planning & Economic Development

**CONTACT OFFICER:** Stuart Waldron, Assistant Director Transport & Spatial Planning  
0151 934 4006  
Stephen Birch, Team Leader STPU  
0151 934 4225  
K. Davies, Principal Officer LTP Co-ordination  
0151 934 4260

**EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL:** No

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

To seek approval for the allocation of remaining capital contributions for transport schemes.

**REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:**

For the Cabinet Member to make recommendations for allocation of amounts remaining from capital contributions to transport schemes.

Cabinet Member has delegated powers to approve the programme of schemes within the Local Transport Plan Transportation Capital Programme. The introduction of additional schemes that could be funded from these contributions requires Cabinet Member approval. In view of the ongoing review of the Council budget and the requirement to make savings, then Cabinet should give consideration as to how this uncommitted funding be allocated.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

It is recommended that Cabinet Member Technical Services:

- i) notes the resources available from capital contributions to transport schemes and the potential to allocate these resources to support the LTP capital programme.
- ii) advises Cabinet of the remaining capital contributions and the options for using them to support the transportation capital programme and seeks a Cabinet decision for the allocation of the available resources.

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- i) notes the resources available from capital contributions to transport schemes.
- ii) determines the allocation of available resources in accordance with the options presented.

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**KEY DECISION:** No

**FORWARD PLAN:** N/A

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** Following the expiry of the 'call in 'period for the minutes of the meeting

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

Three options for allocation of the available capital resources are presented. The only alternative is to leave the funding un-allocated, which is not a feasible option given the current pressures on Council programmes.

**IMPLICATIONS:**

**Budget/Policy Framework:**

**Financial:** The report will facilitate the release of currently unallocated capital resources that were provided as contributions to transport schemes and approve the use of these resources to support existing programmes.

<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>2009 2010 £</b>	<b>2010/ 2011 £</b>	<b>2011/ 2012 £</b>	<b>2012/ 2013 £</b>
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<b><u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u></b>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

**Legal:**

**Risk Assessment:**

**Asset Management:**

<b>CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS</b>
Finance Department

**CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:**

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

<p><b>LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT</b></p> <p>Report to Council and Cabinet of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010 – “2010/2011 – 2012/2013 Capital Programme”</p> <p>Report to Cabinet Member – Technical Services of 7<sup>th</sup> April 2010 – “2010/11 Local Transport Plan – Technical Services Capital Programme”</p> <p>Report to Cabinet Member – Technical Services of 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010 – “2010/11 Local Transport Plan – Revised Technical Services Capital Programme”</p> <p>Report to Cabinet Member – Technical Services 4<sup>th</sup> August 2010 and Cabinet of 5<sup>th</sup> August 2010 – “Area Based Grant reduction – effect on Merseyside Road Safety Camera Partnership”</p>
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# Agenda Item 6

## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Council's Transportation Capital Programme is approved on an annual basis as part of the Council's overall capital programme and in accordance with the Merseyside Local Transport Plan 5-year programme of investment. The total allocation is approved by Cabinet and the specific programme is approved by Cabinet Member.
- 1.2 The main component of Transportation Capital Funding is received through the Council's Single Capital Pot settlement but for some specific schemes, the Council has received additional contributions from third parties.
- 1.3 In June 2010, the Government announced changes to the Authority's 2010/11 Transportation Settlement involving reductions of £670k and £50k to the Integrated Transport Block and Drainage allocation respectively, as part of government savings for 2010/11. A revised programme incorporating these savings was approved by Cabinet Member on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010.
- 1.4 Government savings in the allocation of Area Based Grant were also announced in June 2010. Cabinet Member Technical Services and Cabinet on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> August 2010 respectively considered a report detailing the impact of the in year reductions in the Area Based Grant funding used to fund the operation of the Merseyside Road Safety Partnership (formerly the Safety Camera Partnership). The report highlighted the consequential reduced contribution in 2010/11 used to fund Child Pedestrian Training across Merseyside, and the subsequent impact on staff resources in the Planning and Economic Development Department.
- 1.5 In considering these issues the Cabinet Member was aware that other posts relating to the provision of transport services, i.e. School Travel Plan Officer and Neighbourhood Travel Team were also on fixed term contracts. Many of these officers however, have been employed for a number of years and have gained employment rights.
- 1.6 Cabinet on the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2010, resolved:

*(1) it be noted that the Child Pedestrian Training Programme has a significant impact on improving road safety awareness in key stage 1 children, that this provides the foundation for all road safety education in Sefton and contributes greatly to the on-going reduction in child pedestrian casualty rates in the Borough;*

*(2) the cessation of the Area Based Grant funding of Child Pedestrian Training to a total of £21k in 2010/11 be noted;*

*(3) the Cabinet Member - Technical Services be requested to review the Local Transport Plan Capital Programmes to determine priorities for funding Child Safety, School and Workplace Travel Plan Programmes for 2010/11 and 2011/12 onwards; and*

*(4) a further report be submitted to the Cabinet Member – Technical Services and Cabinet detailing the review.*



1.7 To progress the Cabinet resolution a full review of funding available for the Local Transport Plan programmes is in progress although the availability of LTP funding in future years is still not clear following the Comprehensive Spending Review on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010, but it is anticipated it will be significantly reduced.

## **2.0 Review of capital contributions**

2.1 Over the years of implementing Local Transport Plan programmes every effort has been taken to maximise available funding by seeking contributions from a range of organisations willing to support schemes and programmes that have linked benefits.

2.2 The additional benefit of having this funding available is that it has enabled the prudent management of budgets and spend profiles and ensured LTP capital allocations are fully expended year on year, thus demonstrating the Council's ability to effectively deliver often complex transport schemes and programmes.

2.3 A review of these contributions was undertaken as part of the overall funding review and a total balance of remaining capital contributions of £387k has been identified. The majority of this (£303k) comprises two substantial contributions and the remaining £84k consists of the balances from fourteen smaller contributions. It must be stressed the work for which all this funding was provided has been completed hence there are no 'claw back' issues. The intention has been to progress further schemes within the approved LTP programmes.

2.4 These resources are not currently allocated to any specific schemes, so the options available for making best use of the remaining contributions have been investigated taking into consideration the Council's overall budget situation. Two options are suggested:

- i) Allocate a portion of the available capital contributions to support the delivery of Local Transport Plan objectives, for use in 2010/11 and in future years. For instance an allocation of £170k would permit a local safety scheme, deferred due to the in-year budget reductions referred to in 1.3 above, to proceed. Alternatively, a £100k would permit solutions to long-term traffic management and parking issues to be brought forward. The balance to contribute to the Council's budget savings programme. The allocation of some of the available resources would be consistent with the Council's commitment to the LTP.
- ii) Allocate all the remaining contributions to support the Council's budget savings programme. This would not be in accordance with the purpose for which the contribution was originally made ie to support the transport programme, and would also delay the delivery of any schemes that were deferred in response to the budget reductions in June.

2.5 Cabinet Member Technical Services and Cabinet are requested to consider the options available and determine the most effective allocation of the resources available.

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## **3.0 Recommendations**

3.1 It is recommended that Cabinet Member Technical Services:

- i) notes the resources available from capital contributions to transport schemes and the potential to allocate these resources to support the LTP capital programme.
- ii) advises Cabinet of the remaining capital contributions and the options for using them to support the transportation capital programme and seeks a Cabinet decision for the allocation of the available resources.

3.2 It is recommended that Cabinet:

- i) notes the resources available from capital contributions to transport schemes.
- ii) determines the allocation of available resources in accordance with the options presented.

# Agenda Item 7

**REPORT TO:** Cabinet Member – Technical Services

**DATE:** 17 November 2010

**SUBJECT:** Request for temporary footway closure – Ledsons Canal Bridge, Spencers Lane, Melling

**WARDS AFFECTED:** MOLYNEUX

**REPORT OF:** Andy Wallis – Director of Planning & Economic Development

**CONTACT OFFICER:** Colin Taylor 0151-934-4189

**EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL:** NO

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

To seek approval for the temporary closure of a footway on the south side of Ledsons Bridge, Spencers Lane, Melling to enable refurbishment works to be carried out to the canal bridge

**REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:**

Cabinet Member has delegated powers to approve a temporary footway closure in excess of 21 days duration.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

It is recommended that:-

- (i) the Cabinet Member approve the introduction of the temporary closure of the footway on the south side of Ledsons Canal Bridge, Spencers Lane, Melling as described in paragraph 2.1.1 of this report.
- (ii) the Director of Planning & Economic Development be authorised to execute the necessary legal procedures and to advertise the Council's intention

**KEY DECISION:** No

**FORWARD PLAN:** Not appropriate

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** Tuesday 4 January 2011 (13 weeks duration)

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**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:** None available

**IMPLICATIONS:**

**Budget/Policy Framework:**

**Financial:**

<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>2010/ 2011 £</b>	<b>2011/ 2012 £</b>	<b>2012/ 2013 £</b>	<b>2013/ 2014 £</b>
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure	600			
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources	600			
Specific Capital Resources				
<b><u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u></b>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

**Legal:**

**Risk Assessment:** N/A

**Asset Management:** N/A

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**

## CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

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

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

NIL

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

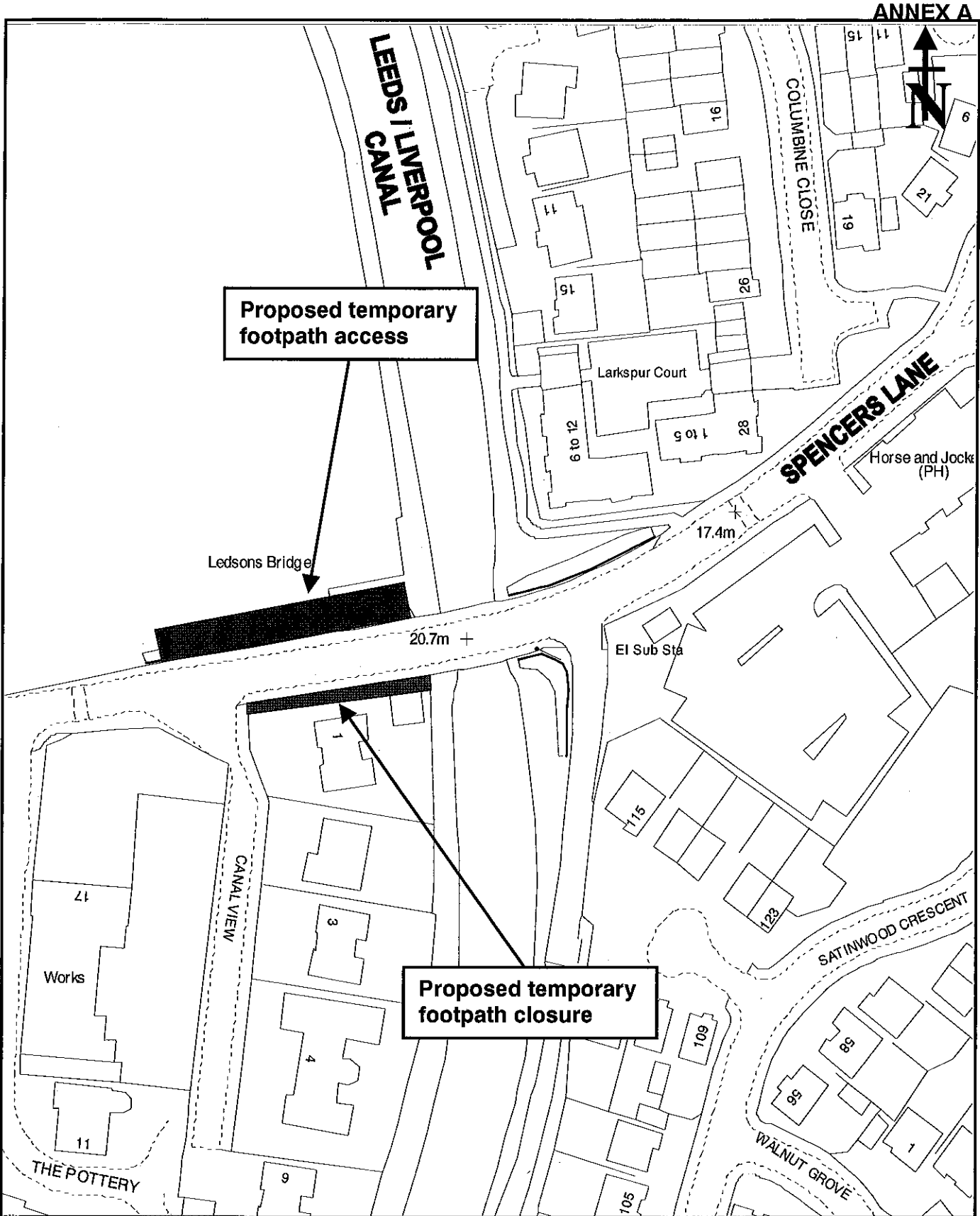
- 1.1 Refurbishment works are due to commence on Ledsons Canal Bridge on Spencers Lane in the New Year. The work will include parapet replacement and strengthening and vehicle restraint barriers will be added. In addition, the footway over the bridge will be resurfaced as part of the works.
- 1.2 During the period of the works, and to maintain health and safety for the general public, it will be necessary to close the footway on the south side of the bridge that leads from Canal View down to the towpath on the canal. A temporary alternative footpath will be provided on the north side of the bridge, adjacent to the northern wing wall.
- 1.3 The works are due to commence on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011 and it is estimated that the works will continue for a period of 13 weeks until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 It is recommended that :

- (i) The footway on the south side of Ledsons Canal Bridge that lies between Canal View and the towpath to the canal be temporarily closed as, and where necessary from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011 until Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 or until the works are complete.
- (ii) The Director of Planning & Economic Development be authorised to execute the necessary legal procedures and to advertise the Council's intention.

**Andy Wallis**  
**Director of Planning & Economic Development**



**METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON**  
 Andy Wallis  
 Planning & Economic Development Director

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# Agenda Item 8

**REPORT TO:** Cabinet Member Technical Services

**DATE:** 17<sup>th</sup> November 2010

**SUBJECT:** Car Parking Promotions – Christmas 2010

**WARDS  
AFFECTED:** Blundellsands, Manor & Victoria

**REPORT OF:** Andy Wallis Planning & Economic Regeneration Director

**CONTACT  
OFFICER:** Stuart Waldron Assistant Director Transport & Spatial Planning

**EXEMPT/  
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

To seek Cabinet Member Technical Services approval to the details for Parking Promotions to support Retail Christmas Promotions during December 2010

**REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:**

The Parking Service is managed within the Cabinet Member Technical Services portfolio.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Cabinet Member Technical Services is recommended to:

Approve the detailed proposals for adjustments to the Parking Service operation to support Retail Christmas promoting in Crosby Town Centre as set out in the report.

**KEY DECISION:** No

**FORWARD PLAN:** No

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** After call in to the Cabinet Member Technical Services on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

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**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

None - the decision is delegated to the Cabinet Member Technical Services

**IMPLICATIONS:**

**Budget/Policy Framework:** The financial Implications, ie loss of income from the proposals for free parking on Saturdays in December 2010 in Crosby Town Centre are to be met by Crosby Area Committee and a local business.

**Financial:** N/A

<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>2010/ 2011 £</b>	<b>2011/ 2012 £</b>	<b>2012/ 2013 £</b>	<b>2013/ 2014 £</b>
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<b><u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u></b>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure	2000			
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources	1000			
Funded from External Resources	1000			
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

**Legal:** N/A

**Risk Assessment:** N/A

**Asset Management:** N/A

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**  
**FD 552** - The Head of Corporate Finance & ICT Strategy has been consulted and has no comments on this report

**CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:**

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

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

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## **1.0 Background**

- 1.1 Over recent years the Council has sought to support the local economy by providing adjustments to the parking operations that permits the promotion of free parking at certain times in the lead up to Christmas.
- 1.2 It is recognised that parking initiatives during the festive season have:
  - High promotional benefit for Local Retail Promotions
  - Encourage local loyalty.
- 1.3 However, as in 2009, there are ongoing major issues in 2010 with regard to a short fall in income to the parking account as a result of the national economic situation and poor weather again during the summer.
- 1.4 Discussion having been ongoing with Town Centre Partnerships and Business Village Partnership regarding promotions for Christmas 2010. Due to the overall Council budget situation and the continued reduced income to the parking account, Cabinet Member has offered to consider a scheme used in Southport in 2009 that provided free parking after three o'clock in the afternoon with the display of a permit on certain days (ie Thursdays in December). The permits were made available to Sefton Residents and administered by the Business Partnerships. This proposal supports the key principles of parking initiatives but minimises the financial impact.
- 1.5 To date only Crosby Business Village Partnership have come forward seeking approval to progress a parking promotion this year.

## **2.0 Crosby Town Centre – Proposed Parking Promotion Christmas 2010**

- 2.1 Crosby Business Village Partnership and Ward Councillors have reviewed the 'free after three' offer but consider a higher level of promotion is required.
- 2.2 As a consequence the Crosby Area Committee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010 approved the allocation of a total of £1,000 to a Christmas Parking Promotion. A Ward Councillor has subsequently secured a further £1,000 from a local business.

- 2.3 The available funding to support the Christmas Parking Promotion in Crosby will permit free parking on the three Saturday's in December in the lead up to Christmas.

There will be no implications on the Parking Service Budget.

### **3.0 Recommendation**

- 3.1 As the proposed promotion will not impact on the parking account Cabinet Member Technical Services is recommended to approve the detailed proposals for adjustments to the Parking Service Operation to support Retail Christmas promoting in Crosby Town Centre as set out in the report.

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