

CABINET MEMBER - TECHNICAL SERVICES

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE
ON WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor Fairclough

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Jones and Tonkiss

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declaration of interest was received:

Member/Officer	Minute No	Interest	Action
Councillor Fairclough	Minute No. 27	Personal: Employer mentioned in the report	Stayed in the room, took part in consideration of the item and voted thereon.

19. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 MAY 2010

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

20. BIRCH STREET, SOUTHPORT - REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director seeking approval for a temporary road closure of Birch Street, Southport between its junctions with Warwick Street and Upper Aughton Road, Southport, as described in paragraph 2.1.1 of this report, to vehicular traffic to facilitate the replacement of a gas main.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the request for a temporary road closure of Birch Street, Southport between its junctions with Warwick Street and Upper Aughton Road, Southport, as described in paragraph 2.1.1 of this report, to vehicular traffic to facilitate the replacement of a gas main be approved; and
- (2) the Traffic Services Manager be authorised to execute the necessary legal procedures, including those of consultation and

objection and to advertise the Council's intention to implement the appropriate Traffic Regulation Order.

21. MONFA ROAD, NETHERTON ROAD AND KIRBY ROAD, BOOTLE - REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURES

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director seeking approval for temporary footpath closures of Monfa Road, Netherton Road and Kirby Road, Bootle, to enable redevelopment works to be carried out; and indicating that a decision on the matter was required as the Cabinet Member had the delegated powers to approve such a closure.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the request for temporary footpath closures of Monfa Road, Netherton Road and Kirby Road, Bootle be approved to enable redevelopment works to be carried out; and
- (2) the Planning and Economic Development Director be authorised to execute the necessary legal procedures, including those of consultation and objection and to advertise the Council's intention to implement the Order.

22. CURZON ROAD, SOUTHPORT - SECTION 184 LICENCE, HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director, seeking approval, in conjunction with the Interim Head of Corporate Legal Services, to issue a licence pursuant to Section 184 of the Highways Act, 1980 as detailed within the report and indicating that a decision on this matter was required in order to allow the licensee to construct a vehicle crossing to access the development as work progresses.

RESOLVED:

That the Interim Head of Corporate Legal Services, in conjunction with the Planning and Economic Development Director, be authorised to issue a Section 184 Highways Act, 1980 highway licence to the undermentioned applicant as shown on the plan numbered DC0630 and as detailed within the report submitted, subject to the applicant bearing all costs associated with the proposal and indemnifying Sefton Council against all claims, disbursements and actions arising from the proposed works.

Applicant	Location	Plan
Mersey Care NHS Trust, Alba Villas, Park Bourn, Maghull, L31 1HW	Curzon Road, Southport	DC0630

23. AREA OF HIGHWAY ADJOINING SHARROCK STREET, SOUTHPORT - SECTION 116, HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director, seeking approval in conjunction with the Interim Head of Corporate Legal Services to make an application to the Magistrates' Court for Stopping-Up Orders for an area of highway adjoining Sharrock Street, Southport, under the provisions of Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980, following an application by Regeneration Directorate, Sefton Council, Magdalen House, Trinity Road, Bootle, under Section 117 of the Highways Act 1980.

RESOLVED:

That the Interim Head of Corporate Legal Services, in conjunction with the Planning and Economic Development Director, be authorised to request that the Magistrates' Court make Orders for the Stopping-Up of an area of highway adjoining Sharrock Street, Southport, under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980, as detailed within the report and shown upon the attached plan numbered DC0636, subject to the applicant bearing all costs associated with the application.

24. A565 FORMBY BYPASS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2 - ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director seeking approval to award a contract to undertake work for highway drainage improvements to the A565 Formby Bypass – Phase 2; and indicating that a decision on the matter was required to comply with the Contract Procedure Rules of the Constitution.

RESOLVED:

That the lowest tender in the sum of £186,748.29 submitted from Dowhigh Limited, for the contract to undertake work for highway drainage improvements to the A565 Formby Bypass – Phase 2, be approved.

25. A565 FORMBY BYPASS, FORMBY - REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPEED LIMIT

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director, seeking approval for the introduction of a temporary speed limit on the A565 Formby bypass between its junction with Moss Side and B5424 Liverpool Road to facilitate the A565 Formby Bypass Drainage Improvements Phase 2 Scheme.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the request for the introduction of a temporary speed limit on the A565 Formby bypass between its junctions with Moss Side and

B5424 Liverpool Road, Formby as described in paragraph 2.1.1 of the report, be approved; and

- (2) the Planning and Economic Development Director be authorised to execute the necessary legal procedures and to advertise the Council's intention.

26. REECH (RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN HOUSING) PROGRAMME

Further to Minute No. 241 of the Cabinet meeting on 17 December 2009, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director – Communities on the Renewable Energy and Efficiency in Housing Programme (REECH) entitled 'Potential Funding Opportunity 1- Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energies indicating that following the European Commission decision to allow up to 4% (£29 million) of ERDF Programme resources to be devoted to domestic energy efficiency and renewable actions, the Regional Development Agency (RDA) issued a call for the submission of a sub-regional bid that sought to directly stimulate the market for low carbon and environmental technologies and renewable energies within existing social and low income housing.

The report indicated that an Expression of Interest was submitted by Sefton Council in conjunction with other sub-regional authorities on Merseyside and Halton; that whilst the bid was successfully progressed to the concept stage, the RDA indicated in April 2010 that the original allocation of £11m ERDF grant for the Merseyside sub-region had been reduced to £8.23m; that the aim of the bid was to provide impetus to a new emergent local market for green energy technologies by developing interconnected demonstration projects; and that as any successful bid would need to be delivered by March 2013, with all expenditure committed by December 2013, a steering group had been established to progress the bid.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

27. JESSICA (OR JOINT EUROPEAN SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT IN CITY AREAS)

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director on the Joint European Support for Sustainable Investment in City Areas (JESSICA); and indicating that this was a £100m fund launched by the Northwest Urban Investment Fund and a new financial instrument created by the European Commission in conjunction with the European Investment Bank with the basic principle to take a more commercial approach to the use of public funds in delivering regeneration and economic development. The report also indicated that JESSICA would enable ERDF and match funding to be invested by Urban Development Funds (UDFs) in Urban Projects via loans, equity and/or guarantees; and

that returns from these investments could then be used to make new investments in new projects, thereby creating a revolving fund for investment in the region.

A sub regional working group comprising of TMP, Liverpool Vision, Wirral MBC and Liverpool City Council had been set up and was working with a consortium comprising of Igloo Regeneration Ltd, Aviva Investors Global Services, GVA Grimley Ltd, and Royal Bank of Canada Europe Ltd, to create a Merseyside Urban Investment Fund covering a mix of uses and flexible investment approaches.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

28. HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE SUPPLEMENT

Further to Minute No 11 of the meeting held on 27 May 2010, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Environmental and Technical Services Director on the Highways Maintenance Supplement seeking approval on the Section 31 Grant for additional maintenance schemes to be included in the 2010 /11 programme; indicating that in the Council's Budget for 2010/11 a supplementary provision of £900,000 was included to support highway maintenance works in 2010/11, in recognition of the excessive deterioration of the Highway Network following two consecutive winters of severe weather and frost damage; subsequently the Government announced an additional allocation to be made available to assist local authorities to repair damage to their road network resulting from this winter's severe weather through revenue grants under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003; and that the amount awarded to Sefton Council was £248,400.

The report also indicated that approval of the additional programme was a matter of urgency to ensure that the asphalt treatments were undertaken within June/July 2010 for best effect; and that a consultation exercise would be undertaken as quickly as possible / appropriate, in order to report the outcome of the consultation.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Minute No.11 of the meeting held on 27 May 2010 be rescinded ;
- (2) the consultation with Ward Councillors to inform the approach to be taken and the programme proposed be noted;
- (3) the addition of Section 31 Grant award to the existing approved budget allocation of £900,000 included to support highway maintenance works in 2010/11, giving a total additional allocation of £1,148,400 be approved; and

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- (4) the programme of additional schemes proposed at Annex 1 circulated at the meeting, subject to consultation with Ward Members, be approved.