

## COUNCIL MEETING: 29 SEPTEMBER 2022

### AGENDA ITEM: 6 – MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Michael Brennan of Quarry Road, Bootle has submitted the following question:

#### QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR HARDY – CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING

At a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills) held on 28 June 2022, the Committee considered the Cabinet Member Update Report submitted by Councillor Hardy which stated:

“Ward Councillors have expressed an interest in setting up a Road Safety team made up of local volunteers working in partnership with the Police. However, so far, no residents have come forward to volunteer to be part of a Safer Road Watch group.”

An extract from the Cabinet Member Report is set out below:

#### My question to the Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing (Councillor Hardy) is:

“How did Ward Councillors for all wards engage with their respective communities regarding this, given that nobody I've spoken to was aware of, or had heard of the proposed scheme?”

Extract from Cabinet Member Report:

CABINET MEMBER UPDATE REPORT Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills – 08 <sup>th</sup> March 2022)		
COUNCILLOR	PORTFOLIO	DATE
Patricia Hardy	Communities and Housing	June 2022

#### **NEIGHBOURHOODS AND PARTNERSHIPS**

A successful Day of Action took place on Sandbrook Way in Ainsdale on the 18<sup>th</sup> May. One Vision Housing, Environmental Health colleagues and the Neighbourhoods team, spoke with residents about issues around dog fouling, responsible ownership, and fly-tipping. This was then followed up with a letter delivered to all residents around bin collection. OVH are working with cleansing to address some issues with a possibility of Eurobins being used in the future.

An extension to the living wall on Washington Parade has been carried out. An official unveiling took place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June which tied in with Clean Air Day.

Construction at Runnells Lane Park is complete, and a photo/press release is being organised with the Manor ward councillors to take place prior to a more formal launch.

Weeds and grass maintenance issues have started to become more prevalent. Many areas are not being fully serviced by our contractors due to parked vehicles and domestic waste bins being stored on the verges. We have asked the Comms team to send out messages regarding parked vehicles causing issues for the contractors on the verges.

Ward Councillors have expressed an interest in setting up a Road Safety team made up of local volunteers working in partnership with the Police. However, so far, no residents have come forward to volunteer to be part of a Safer Road Watch group.

Please note there was a typographical error in the heading to the Cabinet Member Report and it should read that the date of the meeting was 28 June 2022 and not 8 March 2022

**Response from the Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing (Councillor Hardy):**

The item highlighted in the question is referring to a Road Safety project that was taking place across Crosby Village. The Ward Councillors that the report refers to are those responsible for the Crosby Village. These wards are Blundellsands, Manor and Victoria. Blundellsands ward councillors have now purchased a speed indicator to tackle the issue of road safety that this matter referred to following subsequent local discussions.

**Mr Brennan has indicated that he unable to be present at the meeting. Consequently, the Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing will be requested to provide a written reply to Mr M. Brennan.**

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