

CABINET MEMBER - TECHNICAL SERVICES

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE
ON WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor Fairclough

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Jones and Tonkiss

108. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

109. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

110. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2010

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

111. 2010/11 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN - REVISED TECHNICAL SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Further to Minute No. 83 of 6 October 2010, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director seeking approval to revise the funding allocations within the approved 2010/11 Local Transport Plan (LTP) Transportation Capital Programme; indicating that the funding allocations would reflect the current financial programme position for the 2010/11 LTP Transportation Capital Programme; and indicating that a decision on this matter was required as the Cabinet Member had delegated powers to approve the programme of schemes within the LTP and that the detail and funding programme had changed due to changes to funding allocations and scheme cost estimates and project delivery timescales.

Annex A to the report identified the entire LTP programme.

The report concluded that the revised programmes identified for Integrated Transport, Street Lighting, Highway Structures Maintenance, UTC, Drainage and Highway Maintenance could be accommodated within the overall approved 2010/11 LTP Transportation Capital Programme; that all spend would be contained within the 2010/11 LTP Transportation Capital Programme; and that the approval of the revised allocations of funding for schemes within the 2010/11 LTP Transportation Capital Programme would ensure that the overall programme was on target to meet the Single Capital Pot Allocations.

RESOLVED:

That the revised 2010/11 Local Transport Plan Transportation Capital Programme be approved.

**112. RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT
CONSULTATION - REVISIONS TO STRATEGIC NATIONAL
CORRIDORS**

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director seeking approval of the Council's response to a recent Department for Transport (DfT) Consultation on Promoting connectivity between Capital Cities of the United Kingdom - A Consultation on Revising National Strategic Transport Corridors; and indicating that a decision on this matter was required as the Cabinet Member had delegated powers to approve the response to Transport Consultation exercises and that the proposals related to the highway network in the south of the Borough.

The report detailed the proposed changes and the responses that had been developed in consultation with officers at the North West Regional Leaders Board, the Northwest Regional Development Agency and other local authorities on Merseyside and that, as a consequence, the responses reflected regional and local issues.

The report concluded by indicating that the main impact of the designation of the A565 in Sefton as a Strategic National Corridor would be to raise its profile with regard to future investment, with the responsibility for this resting with the Secretary of State, but that the Council would maintain responsibility for its day to day maintenance.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed response to the Department for Transport as set out in the report, in response to the consultation on proposed revisions to Strategic National Corridors be approved.

113. SOUTHPORT CYCLE TOWN - EAST WEST LINK

Further to Minute No. 98(2) of 3 November 2010, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director that provided a response to the request for additional information on the number and spacing of the proposed speed tables on Portland Street as part of the Southport Cycle Town - East West link and the investigation into the suitability of carriageway conditions where they were proposed to be sited.

The report indicated that it was proposed to construct 12 speed tables along a 1,550 metre length of Portland Street; that concerns had been raised regarding the number of speed tables but that to reduce the number

further would have a significant impact on the ability to reduce vehicle speeds and thereby reduce its attractiveness to cyclists; and that with regard to the effects of ground borne vibration on surrounding properties due to poor ground conditions, evidence from the Transport Research Laboratory concluded that even in the poorest ground conditions, even very minor fatigue damage was unlikely to occur unless the profile was placed less than 3m from the nearest foundation on soft soils.

RESOLVED:

That the report providing additional information on the number and spacing of the proposed speed tables and the investigation into the suitability of carriageway conditions where they are proposed to be sited be noted.

114. SOUTHPORT CYCLE TOWN PORTLAND STREET CYCLING IMPROVEMENTS - ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director that sought approval to accept a tender for Southport Cycle Town, Portland Street Cycling Improvements, which comprised a scheme to introduce speed management measures to improve the facilities for cyclists including:-

- proposed speed tables at twelve junctions along Portland Street
- a proposed 20mph zone between Eastbank Street/Southbank Road and Duke Street
- a proposed junction improvement at Portland Street/Shakespeare Street
- improved crossing facilities for cyclists across Lord Street.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the lowest compliant tender received from Dowhigh Limited of Liverpool in the sum of £251,338.67. for the Southport Cycle Town - Portland Street Cycling Improvements scheme be approved; and
- (2) the Interim Head of Corporate Legal Services be requested to prepare a formal contract with the successful tenderer.

115. ADOPTION OF PART OF PARKLANDS WAY WATERLOO - SECTION 228 OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director seeking authority, in conjunction with the Interim Head of Corporate Legal Services, to adopt an area of highway pursuant to Section 228 of the Highways Act 1980, as detailed in the report and as shown on the plan numbered DC0689; and indicating that a decision on the matter was required to allow the Local Authority to maintain and adopt the area of highway, at public expense, but which did not form part of the adopted highway network at the present time.

Location	Plan No.	Applicant
Part of Parklands Way, Waterloo	DC0689	Persimmon Homes NW Ltd.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Interim Head of Corporate Legal Services, in conjunction with the Planning and Economic Development Director, be authorised to adopt the area of highway pursuant to Section 228 of the Highways Act 1980 as detailed within the report and as shown upon the plan numbered DC0689; and
- (2) subject to there being no objections to the statutory notices the Planning and Economic Development Director formally adopt that part of Parklands Way, Waterloo.

116. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3 PRIORITIES

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director seeking approval of Sefton's response to the public consultation on the third Merseyside Local Transport Plan (LTP3) Preferred Strategy and seeking confirmation of the priorities for LTP3 in Sefton.

The report indicated that a public consultation on the 'Challenges and Opportunities' for the next LTP was undertaken in March-April 2010 and that a series of officer workshops was held to achieve the LTP's objectives; that the results of the workshops were detailed in Annexes A and B attached to the report; whilst Annex C provided a summary of other comments received from Area Committees, the Sefton Area Partnership of Parish Councils and the Sefton Economic Forum; and that the combined Sefton response to the LPT consultation questions and other key comments related to the following topics:

- LTP3 Vision and new Mobility Culture
- LTP3 Goals
- Challenges and Opportunities
- Underlying Principles
- Policy Focus
- Delivery Focus
- Future Development
- Short Term Implementation Plan
- Next Steps
- Suggested Activities
- Disadvantaged Communities
- Further Comments

The report also detailed that the Sefton LTP3 priorities related to:

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- Thornton to Switch Island link
- Maintenance of Highway Assets
- Road Safety
- Traffic Management and Parking
- Accessibility
- Health Lifestyles
- A565 Route Management Strategy

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the proposed Sefton Council response to the Local Transport Plan Preferred Strategy Public Consultation be approved; and
- (2) the priorities for the LTP3 implementation programme be approved.