

<b>CABINET MEMBER UPDATE REPORT</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Date</b>
Cllr Fairclough	Cabinet Member for Transportation	November 2013

## **Strategic Transport**

### **Thornton Switch Island Link - A5758 Broom's Cross Road**

- CPO process completed and land registered in Council ownership at end September
- Route marked out on site
- Target cost for construction finalised
- Work to satisfy remaining planning conditions is under way, including on-site archaeological survey
- Full approval submission made to DfT on 03/10/13
- Response now awaited from DfT

### **Port Access**

- City Region Port Access Steering Group is meeting every two months, being chaired by Sefton Chief Executive (last meeting on 23/09/13)
- Programme of interventions still developing, but some work in progress. Measures include rail infrastructure requirements, promotion of coastal and inland shipping, short term highway improvement measures and an assessment of the options for long term major highway improvement.

### **LTP3**

- Sefton is continuing to work with Merseytravel and the other Merseyside authorities on the delivery of the LTP3 implementation programme. The latest update on the 2013/14 LTP Capital Programme was reported to Cabinet Member – Transportation in August.

### **Local Transport Schemes**

- Work on delivery of the LTP Capital Programme for 2013/14 has been continuing, including completion of consultation on the introduction of further low speed zones, official opening of the Formby to Hightown section of the coastal path, feasibility and design work on a range of local safety and accessibility schemes, including a series of proposals in the Seaforth area and finalising the planning application for the junction improvement at South Road/Haigh Road.
- Work is also continuing on schemes fully or partly funded through the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. The DfT visited Merseyside in September and attended the official opening of the Bootle Golf Course path, which was funded through LSTF.

### **Local Major Transport Schemes**

- The City Region has confirmed the 12 priority local major transport schemes that will be considered for local major transport scheme funding. Sefton has an interest in three of the priority schemes, the North Liverpool Key Corridor scheme, Maghull North Station and the provision of the additional slip roads at the M58 Junction 1. Sefton will be working with the Highways Agency to deliver this scheme. Scheme promoters have been requested to begin preparing business cases for each

scheme. The first stage of this is to prepare an outline business case to be submitted by the end of 2013.

A further scheme to improve access to Southport from the east is included on the longer list of potential schemes and proposals have been prepared to update the traffic model for the area as a basis for developing the scheme further.

### **Parking Services Review**

This is being undertaken in two phases:

- Phase 1 concentrates on the design and operation of parking services and issues such as charging, methods of charging, enforcement, residents parking, etc. It was intended to report the outcome of the review to the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Cabinet. This has been delayed to January to allow for further consultation.
- Phase 2 (following on from Phase 1) will consider the wider parking strategy and policy for the Borough and its role and impact on development, regeneration, etc.

### **Network Management**

#### **Permit Scheme**

- The development of the permit scheme is ongoing. The permit document is virtually completed and the cost benefit analysis is underway. Officers have met with the Department of Transport for guidance on the scheme development. The feedback has been very positive. Officers are also in close liaison with colleagues from St Helens, who have been running a permit scheme for twelve months. The next phase is to review the Traffic Sensitive streets which will require a consultation with affected parties. The results of that will inform the decision on draft permit scheme costs. Once these issues have been addressed, the scheme will be ready to go to consultation. The target date for implementation is currently set at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 however this is subject to change and may slip to 1st October 2014 depending on the results of the consultation, training and trials of the system software.
- Scottish Power are planning major works to install (and where existing upgrade) high power electrical cabling from Ormskirk Road to the Docks. Officers are in discussion with proposed cabling routes and works programmes. Some trial hole preparation works are currently being undertaken. Cabinet and Ward Members will be kept informed of progress and potential disruption.

#### **Winter Service Review**

- Consultation with Elected Members on Winter Services Policy and Operational Plan resulted in no adverse comments and no requests for any revisions. The Government announced revised guidance on spread rates for gritting and other matters on 18<sup>th</sup> September. This late information has delayed the revision to the policy document as officers analyse the implications of the new guidance. It is still intended to report the revised policy to Cabinet Member in time for presentation to Overview and scrutiny meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November

## **Highway Management**

### **Capita Symonds**

- Staff returned to the Council on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013. Operations are continuing as before with the returned staff acting as an internal consultant managed through the Client team, and Members should continue to contact the Client team for any assistance.
- Following this initial return of staff to the Council, IPI officers are working on a major reshaping of the Department so that all staff will be fully integrated with existing Council staff to provide coordinated, effective and efficient services. The reshaped division will be in place from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014

### **Highway Asset Management**

- The Yotta Horizons asset management system has been purchased and implementation has commenced. This system will allow officers to gather key historical condition data for the highway network and enable the calculation of both whole life costings and depreciation rates for the highway in Sefton. In addition, officers will be able to model different scenarios based on a variety of treatments to understand the most effective way to manage the condition of the highway network. The Government has recently indicated a possible change in funding mechanism for highway maintenance based on whole life costings so development of the Horizons system will benefit the Council should the opportunity to bid for additional Government support present itself. The system is already providing useful and relevant data on the deterioration of the highway network and the repairs backlog.

### **Highway Maintenance**

- The surface dressing programme and the micro asphalt programme have now been completed.
- Resurfacing to the Bridle Road has been successfully completed.

### **Mayrise Mobile**

- Implementation of the system is continuing. Mobile devices have been purchased and the software is awaiting installation through our Arvato colleagues. Training will then take place. The devices will allow staff to record defect data electronically on site and also give site access to historical data. The implementation will improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the service. Much of the data gathering can also be input into the Horizons system to improve the robustness of deterioration data.

### **Street Lighting**

- Salix funding has been secured to fund the replacement of a further 4600 lighting bulbs with white lighting.
- LED lighting has now been installed on sections of the A565 Formby Bypass.
- The agreed switch off of alternative lights on A565 and A59 has been completed. Performance will be monitored and reported to Cabinet Member next year
- Assistance has been provided to Southport and Formby Christmas tree lights co-ordinations at an appropriate SMBC fee level for officers time.

### **Chapel Street refurbishment area**

- The refurbishment scheme is now 4 weeks into delivery, with good progress on first phases. Local businesses and event groups are fully informed as to working areas and access arrangements, as it is now coming up to Christmas delivery

periods. Currently managed through joint department working arrangements / officers.

### **Urban Traffic Control**

- The scheme to connect SMBC CCTV traffic cameras to the Sefton Security Office is now in place to assist with out of hours events or emergency activities.