

CABINET MEMBER UPDATE REPORT

Councillor	Portfolio	Period of Report
John Fairclough	Cabinet Member for Locality Services	June 2015

Strategic Transport

A5758 Broom's Cross Road (Thornton to Switch Island Link).

- Works nearing completion with final surfacing and lining works.
- Ground conditions resolved.
- Opening of the road to traffic now targeted for 6th August.
- Monthly updates produced and distributed and published on website.

Port Access

- City Region Port Access Steering Group continues to meet every two months, being chaired by Sefton Chief Executive.
- Programme of interventions continuing. 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.

LTP & Growth Plan

- Sefton is continuing to work with Merseytravel and the other Merseyside authorities on the delivery of the LTP3 implementation programme. The 2014/15 LTP Capital Programme has been completed and will be reported to Cabinet Member. The proposed 2015/16 Transport Capital Programme was reported to Cabinet Member on 20th March 2015.
- The new LCR Combined Authority LTP (Transport Plan for Growth) has been published and was approved by the Combined Authority.
- The City Region package of sustainable transport interventions in line with the funding announced in the CR Growth Deal has been approved by the Combined Authority.
- Sefton has four schemes in the package amounting to approximately £1.75m of capital funding over the next two years.
- The Outline Business Cases for the A565 Northern Key corridor Improvements (led by Liverpool City Council) and the M58J1 Slip Roads schemes are being developed with a view to submission to the Combined Authority over the next few months.

Local Transport Schemes

- Work on delivery of the LTP Capital Programme for 2015/16 has commenced. This includes the introduction of 20mph zones in the remaining 12 areas in the borough following on from the areas implemented in 2014/15. Work has been completed on the design of traffic management measures to be implemented on the Northern Perimeter Road/Lydiat Lane following completion of Broom's Cross Road and construction is scheduled to commence in July/ August. Land acquisition for the South Road junction improvement is at contract stage and tenders are being sought on a package of enabling works which will facilitate the diversion of Statutory Undertakers equipment before the main construction phase.

- Work has been completed on accessibility improvements in Seaforth village and pedestrian and cycle improvements at the entrance to the Port and the design is underway for the second phase of the Seaforth village scheme to improve accessibility and cycle links between Seaforth and Litherland.

Local Sustainable Transport Fund

- The current funding package from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund finished at the end of March 2015. The work of Sefton Travel Team, the Active Sefton programme, the Travel Training service, the Cycle Hire scheme and the Sefton and West Lancashire visitor economy support has all been scaled down or completed. Opportunities for securing future funding for these initiatives continue to be explored.

Highway Maintenance

- The introduction of Mayrise Mobile and the associated handheld data capture devices has now been rolled out. The system is still being developed but the early indications are that it will bring efficiencies to the delivery of the Highway Maintenance service.
- Design and survey work has now commenced for the resurfacing schemes in this year's maintenance programme. The surface treatment schemes are due to commence in August.
- Work has commenced on the preparation of a suite of new Term Maintenance Contracts. The existing Contracts are due to expire on the 31st March 2016. An OJEU notice is to be issued within the next few weeks inviting initial expressions of interest from Contractors via a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) process. Tenders are due to be invited prior to Christmas.

Street Lighting

- A report has recently been approved to enable the development of a proposed Business Case to complete a street lighting LED retrofit in the Borough. If the Business case is proven viable then this will lead to a significant investment and subsequent improvement to both the column and lantern assets. There will also be significant annual savings on the street lighting energy costs should the project proceed.
- Design and survey work has now commenced for the street lighting schemes in this year's maintenance programme. The first of the Capital schemes has already commenced on site in Formby with the rest of the schemes to follow throughout the remainder of the financial year.

Traffic Signals (UTC)

- The cross boundary project, "STRATOS", to link part of the Councils UTC systems with that of the five neighbouring authorities (Liverpool/Knowsley/St Helens/Wirral and Halton) has now commenced. The project could provide greater coordination of traffic flow and incident/event management across Merseyside. It is due for completion sometime in the autumn this year.
- The possibility of a 'Combined Authority' traffic signal maintenance contract continues to be developed. Initial discussions have been held with the respective signal teams across the Merseyside Authorities. A briefing note has been prepared and is to be taken to the next TAG meeting for discussion.

- Traffic signal works at Switch Island as part of the new link road scheme are nearing completion. During the last few weeks, two of the three upgraded junctions at Switch Island have been commissioned with the 3rd due to be commissioned before the end of July. The three new traffic signal installations along the Link Road itself will also be commissioned later this month in readiness for the road opening in August.

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Parking Services

- 152 New Pay and Display machines have now been installed throughout the Borough. They have not yet been configured for cashless payments (Chip & Pin or Contactless), but this facility should be operational by the end of July.
- Tender also being prepared for introduction of cashless parking (pay by phone)

Highway Safety

- Consultations for the next round of 20mph areas are in final preparation and delivered to households has commenced. These are the final areas of Sefton to be delivered and should be completed during the current financial year.