

CABINET MEMBER UPDATE REPORT

Councillor	Portfolio	Period of Report
Cllr Fairclough	Cabinet Member for Locality Services	October 2016

Strategic Transport

Port Access

- The City Region Port Access Steering Group continues to meet every two months, being chaired by Sefton Chief Executive
- A programme of interventions is continuing including rail infrastructure requirements, promotion of coastal and inland shipping, short term highway improvement measures and detailed studies into the options for long term major highway improvement. Preparation work for the doubling of the rail line into the Port has begun, but the main works are now expected early in 2017. Meetings have been taking place with Peel Ports to discuss the issues associated with the possible rail connection to the Liverpool 2 terminal.
- The full consultation on Highways England proposals for a major road improvement to the Port is expected early in 2017. Officers will keep Members informed of dates and processes.

LTP & Growth Plan

- Sefton is continuing to work with Merseytravel and the other Merseyside authorities on the delivery of the transport capital programme.
- Sefton has four schemes in the City Region package of sustainable transport interventions package amounting to approximately £1.75m of capital funding over the next two years. The main works for the A565/South Road junction improvements in Waterloo have been temporarily suspended while further works are undertaken by utility companies. Works are currently due for completion in early 2017. The A565 cycle route scheme is currently on site and the A59 Ormskirk Road improvements are scheduled for later in 2016.
- Work is continuing on the land acquisition process for the A565 North Liverpool Key Corridor Improvements (led by Liverpool City Council). The Compulsory Purchase Orders for the scheme are expected to be published before the end of the year. The consultation strategy for local businesses and residents is being implemented to ensure that people are kept informed of the progress of the scheme.
- The procurement process for the delivery of M58 J1 scheme has been undertaken. Four tenders were submitted and have been assessed and the appointment of the successful contractor will be confirmed in November 2016. Work on the planning application for the scheme is ongoing.

- The City Region is developing a pipeline of strategic schemes that will be ready to take advantage of future funding opportunities. A MOWG with four Cabinet Members has reviewed all the potential pipeline projects and the results will be reported back to Informal Cabinet in due course
- Maghull North Railway station is progressing. The Combined Authority approved the Full Business Case in October, which secures the funding for the scheme. The planning application is expected to be submitted in November.

Local Transport Schemes

- The delivery of the LTP Capital Programme for 2016/17 is ongoing. Progress reports are presented to Cabinet Member at the appropriate time.

Sustainable Transport

- The elements of the Active Sefton programme being delivered through the Liverpool City Region sustainable transport revenue funding have continued, including measures to support local businesses in promoting sustainable travel to their employees. A Merseyside bid for the Access Fund was submitted by Merseytravel and, if successful, this may provide some resource to maintain these activities.

Key Route Network

- The latest KRN report has been approved by the Combined Authority. Work is ongoing across the city region to establish governance and maintenance arrangements. Condition surveys are to be commissioned and a Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) will be developed. Measures will need to be established in time for the Mayoral elections in May 2017. Work is ongoing with legal representatives to create the Mayoral Combined Authority as the Highway Authority for the KRN, and immediately delegate the powers back to individual authorities through a Highways Act 1980 section 8 agreement

Winter Service

- The annual review of the policy and operational plan is underway. All Members have been consulted and the revised policy was presented to Cabinet Member and subsequently Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 20th September 2016. A further briefing session for O&S members has been set up to look at the service from an operational perspective during the winter season. The briefing is scheduled for 24th January 2017 in Magdalen House

Highway Maintenance

- With all contracts in place maintenance works are now ongoing with the various contractors

Street Lighting

- Work is nearing completion of the preparation of a Business Case for the LED Street Lighting Retrofit project. The report has been revised in light of initial review by Senior Officers and Cabinet Member. A further review of the final report with Cabinet member will take place in the very near future.

Traffic Signals

- Work is ongoing on the potential Combined Authority procurement of the ITC contract