

THE "CALL IN" PERIOD FOR THIS SET OF MINUTES ENDS AT 12 NOON ON THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2010. MINUTE NO 120, IS NOT SUBJECT TO "CALL-IN".

CABINET MEMBER - TECHNICAL SERVICES

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE
ON WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor Fairclough

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors T Jones and Tonkiss

115. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

116. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were received:

Member/Officer	Minute No	Interest	Action
Councillor Fairclough	Minute No. 121	Personal: Chair of the South Sefton Development Trust	Stayed in the room, took part in consideration of the item and voted thereon
Mo Kundi Economic Regeneration Manager	Minute No. 121	Personal: Sefton Council's representative on the Frank Hornby Trust	Stayed in the room and took part in consideration of the item

117. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2009

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

118. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - ALLEYWAYS TO REAR OF GLYNNE STREET, PROVINCE ROAD AND WILLARD STREET, BOOTLE

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director seeking approval for a temporary closure of alleyways to the rear of Glynne Street/Province Road and Willard Street, Bootle to vehicular traffic in order to preserve the safety of the public during the demolition process as part of the ongoing housing renewal works in Bootle.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the temporary closure of the alleyways to the rear of property 1-58 Province Road and the rear of nos. 2-58 Glynne Street and 2-66 Willard Street to vehicular traffic in order to preserve the safety of the public during the demolition process as part of the ongoing housing renewal works in Bootle be approved; and
- (2) the Traffic Services Manager be authorised to execute the necessary legal procedures, including those of consultation and objection and to advertise the Council's intention to implement the appropriate Traffic Regulation Order.

119. PRESCOT ROAD BANK LANE JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT - ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director seeking approval to award a contract to undertake work for a junction improvement to Prescott Road/Bank Lane; and indicating that a decision on the matter was required to comply with the Contract Procedure Rules of the Constitution.

RESOLVED:

That the lowest tender in the sum of £244,660.63 submitted from Wrenco (Contractors) Ltd, Maghull, for the contract to undertake work for a junction improvement to Prescott Road/Bank Lane be approved.

120. WINTER SERVICE FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Assistant Director – Transportation and Spatial Planning regarding an update of the current winter services budget pressures due to the severe weather conditions and indicating that a decision on the matter was required to ensure that the provision for the budgetary overspend required addressing at the earliest opportunity.

The report indicated that its gritting contractor had been 100% reliable and professional throughout the winter season; that 209 miles of carriageway (35% of the total network) and footways in Bootle, Crosby, Maghull, Formby and Southport had been gritted 35 times; and that whilst current stocks of rock salt were sufficient, the Government Salt Cell had taken over supply control and was dictating deliveries which could adversely affect deliveries of salt to the borough.

The report also indicated that the allocated revenue budget for the winter service was £443,097; that there was a current overspend of £51,403; that there was a potential overspend of £162,724 as the extreme weather and continuous sub zero temperatures which had resulted in highway maintenance problems such as the appearance of potholes which would require repair and placed extra pressure on the highway maintenance

revenue budget; and that the full effect was impossible to predict or calculate at this stage.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) at the end of the winter gritting season, officers write to the contractor and their staff to thank them for their continued support and professionalism during the exceptional winter season;
- (3) the increased pressure on the highway maintenance budget as a result of the severe weather be noted; and
- (4) the Cabinet Member alert the Cabinet to the situation regarding the budget allocation and the unavoidable overspend when summarising the M1 forms.

121. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES - PROGRESS REPORT 3

Further to Minute No 57 of the meeting held on 23 September 2009, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director – Communities on the progress regarding the Expression of Interest previously submitted for funding and further external funding opportunities; and indicating that a decision on the matter was required to comply with the standard portfolio reporting procedures and seek endorsement of the Expression of Interests submitted to date.

The report indicated that none of the Expressions of Interests submitted to the Regional Development Agency (RDA) had been approved; that two of the three projects had been rejected and would not be progressed; but that the proposal to demolish Balliol House had moved to the concept stage; and that, if approved, a further progress report would be submitted.

The report also indicated a number of other external funding opportunities which had been, or were being, explored.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

122. BISPHAM ROAD SOUTHPORT - PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN REFUGE - RESULTS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Further to Minute No 116 of the Southport Area Committee meeting held on 6 January 2010, the Cabinet member considered the report of the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director on the outcome of the public consultation regarding the proposed pedestrian Refuge - Bispham Road, Southport; and seeking the Cabinet Members view on how to progress the proposal given the outcome of the consultation.

The report indicated that following requests from residents of Bispham Road, Southport it had been decided to include Bispham Road as part of the 2009/10 pedestrian crossing review; that it was prioritised in the review as the site showed significant conflict between pedestrians and vehicles; that 36 consultation packs consisting of an information flyer, a questionnaire and plan showing the proposals were delivered to the properties fronting the proposed scheme on Wednesday 11 November 2009 with a closing date of 4 December 2009; that of the 36 packs delivered, 23 questionnaires were returned, a 63.9% response rate; that 9 respondents (3.1%) were in favour and 14 (60.9%) were not in favour of the scheme. In addition to the consultation a detailed report put together on behalf of 6 businesses on Bispham Road had been submitted alongside a petition signed by 400 Sefton residents objecting to the pedestrian refuge.

The report also indicated that the proposed pedestrian refuge would assist pedestrians crossing to access local shops and the Post Office; that the introduction of 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions were considered necessary to prevent on-street parking in the vicinity of the pedestrian refuge that would otherwise obstruct Bispham Road to all road users; and concluded that the pedestrian refuge was one of seven prioritised as part of the 2009/10 pedestrian refuge review, however the installation would result in the loss of a small number of parking spaces, which was the main objection from businesses.

The Area Committee has resolved that the Cabinet Member be requested not to progress the scheme.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the scheme to install a pedestrian refuge at Bispham Road, Southport would not to be progressed; and
- (2) a consultation on the next prioritised and previously identified site for the installation of pedestrian refuge be undertaken.