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LITHERLAND AND FORD AREA COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD AT THE GODDARD HALL, STANLEY ROAD, BOOTLE ON WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor Moncur (in the Chair)
Councillors D Hardy, Brady, Cluskey, P Hardy and
Tweed

Local Advisory Group Members: Mrs.L.Cluskey,
Mr.J.Kelly, Mr.M.J.O'Brien and Mr.B.Walsh

ALSO PRESENT: 1 officer from Merseyside Police
2 members of the public

57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

(Councillor D.Hardy in the Chair)

Apologies for absence were received from Local Advisory Group Members Mrs.Burnhill and Mr.McNeight.

58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

59. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2009, be confirmed as a correct record.

60. OPEN FORUM

During the Open Forum the following questions / comments were submitted:

- (a) Mr.B.Thurston, commented that at the junction of Church Road (A5036), School Lane and Orrell Road, Litherland one of the 'No Entry' signs had been missing for a number of years; and the three remaining 'No Entry' signs were only loosely attached to their metal posts. Consequently they were being spun around by youths and were only partially / occasionally visible from the road. The existing

signage was inadequate and caused confusion to drivers. Urgent action was required to replace and repair the 'No Entry' signs.

RESOLVED:

That the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to respond to Mr.Thurston's request.

61. POLICE ISSUES

Inspector Thompson referred to:

- The rise in burglaries across Sefton. Major operations had taken place across Linacre through to Hatton Hill. Over the last couple of months there had been numerous arrests for burglary. Many of the burglaries were aided by residents not locking alleygates or leaving the back door to their houses open. However, through initiatives like 'Operation Handle' in which Police Community Support Officers tested the handle of homes to check whether residents had locked their door. Over 2,000 doors had been tried in the Operation. As a result of such initiatives, home security and general good housekeeping was improving in the area.

(Councillor Moncur in the Chair)

- Linacre Road and Hatton Hill had continued to have issues with anti-social behaviour. Linacre Road in particular was somewhat problematic to police due to the geographic layout of the area. However, initiatives such as free busses to take youths to venues where organised activities were held to steer them away from anti-social activities, were proving to be successful.

A Councillor commented that the perception of crime by local residents was a concern; within neighbourhoods residents had significant fear of burglary. Inspector Thompson replied that the Police had developed many initiatives and made some real progress in tackling burglary, there had been over 30 arrests in the area; he went on to suggest that these successes could be communicated to residents via a newsletter. The Councillor commented that the fact that action was being taken to tackle burglary and there had been some successes would help provide reassurance to residents.

A Councillor asked how Litherland and Ford compared to the rest of the borough with regard to burglary statistics. Inspector Thompson replied that Crosby and Southport currently had the highest number of reported incidents across the borough. However, Litherland and Ford was treated as a priority area, and consequently received high levels of Police activity. If these activities were scaled down there would undoubtedly be a rapid escalation in the number of reported crimes.

A Councillor asked whether the Police were aware that youths had started to target the new community centre at Captain's Green. Inspector Thompson replied that he was aware that there had been a rise in anti-social behaviour in the area, and the Force were employing a variety of tools to tackle the issue, including the free busses to take youths to venues where organised activities were held.

An Advisory Group Member asked whether 'Smartwater' kits would be made available to all local residents. Inspector Thompson replied that the Police only had a limited supply of the 'Smartwater' kits and all the kits had already been distributed, but they hoped to get more in stock soon.

An Advisory Group Member asked whether following the youth disorder on 12 and 13 February, around Sefton Street and Hatton Hill area, any arrests had been made. Inspector Thompson replied that as yet no arrests had been made but enquiries were progressing.

RESOLVED:

That the Police be thanked for their attendance.

62. THORNTON TO SWITCH ISLAND LINK - PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND EXHIBITION

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director - Communities regarding progress in relation to the development of the proposed Thornton to Switch Island Link and the public consultation and exhibition planned for February 2010.

RESOLVED:

That the Thornton to Switch Island Link - Public Consultation and Exhibition report be noted.

63. STERRIX LANE, LITHERLAND - PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director that sought approval to advertise the Council's intention to introduce traffic calming features on Sterrix Lane, Litherland.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) the necessary legal procedures, including those of public consultation and advertising the Council's intention to introduce the traffic calming features, be approved.

64. PROVISION OF ALLEYGATES - VARIOUS LOCATIONS

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director that sought approval to proceed with the below mentioned various Gating Orders following requests from Community Safety and local Police.

Area	Plan Number
Field Avenue	DC0511
Kirkstone Road North Moss Lane Cumpsty Road	DC0512
Nunsford Close	DC0513
Litherland Road / Lunt Road	DC0516
Delta Road and Ince Avenue	DC0517

The costs of processing the applications, including the costs of the gates would be funded by the applicants.

Members discussed the applications individually and agreed to defer consideration of following applications:-

Moss Lane (only)	DC0512
Nunsford Close	DC0513

in order to be provided with more information regarding the individual merits of each application from the applicant.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Planning and Economic Development Director, in conjunction with the Legal Director, be authorised to:
 - (a) Process Gating Order applications pursuant to s129a of the Highways Act 1980 by advertising the Council's intention to install gates to the effect of which would be to restrict access to the passageways as highlighted in the report and shown on the attached plans numbered DC0511, DC0512 (excluding Moss Lane), DC0516, DC0517; and
 - (b) Subject to there being no objections during the statutory advertising period, the Legal Director be authorised to

confirm the respective Orders. Where an objection is raised, a report will be prepared to the Area Committee, unless the objection is raised by the Emergency Services in which case, the matter would be referred to a Public Inquiry; and

- (2) the Planning and Economic Development Director be requested to invite the applicant to attend the 24 March meeting of the Committee to provide further information on applications for plan numbers DC0512 (Moss Lane only) and DC0513 Nunsford Close.

65. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS - SEFTON STREET AND HAWTHORNE ROAD, LITHERLAND

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director that sought approval for the progression of Traffic Regulation Orders to maintain the free-flow of traffic on Sefton Street and Hawthorne Road, Litherland.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Traffic Regulation Orders described in paragraphs 2.3 and 2.5 and shown in annexes A and B be approved; and
- (2) the necessary legal procedures, including those of public consultation and advertising the Council's intention to implement the Orders, be approved.

66. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - HARTWELL STREET, LONGFIELD ROAD, BEECHWOOD ROAD AND CHELSEA ROAD, LITHERLAND

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director that sought approval for the introduction of traffic regulation orders, the effect of which would introduce 'At Any Time' restrictions for junction protection on Hartwell Street, Longfield Road, Beechwood Road and Chelsea Road at their junctions with Linacre Road and to remove the existing 'All Days 9am – 7pm' restriction on Chelsea Road, Litherland.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Traffic Regulation Orders be approved, as shown on the plan in annexe A and set out in the schedules in annexe B; and
- (2) the necessary legal procedures, including those of public consultation and advertising the Council's intention to implement the Orders, be approved

**67. PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF RIGHT-TURN TRAFFIC
REGULATION ORDER - RIMMER CLOSE, LITHERLAND**

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director that sought approval for the introduction of a traffic regulation order, funded by Bellway Homes, the developer of the former Secrets site, the effect of which would prohibit right turn manoeuvres from Rimmer Close onto Hawthorne Road, Litherland.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) The Traffic Regulation Order be approved, as shown on the plan in annexe A and the schedule in annexe B; and
- (2) the necessary legal procedures, including those of public consultation and advertising the Council's intention to implement the Order, be approved.

**68. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - JUNCTION OF
BRIDGE ROAD AND PENRHYN AVENUE, LITHERLAND**

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director that sought approval for the introduction of a traffic regulation order, the effect of which would introduce 'At Any Time' restrictions for junction protection at the junction of Penrhyn Avenue and Bridge Road, Litherland.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Traffic Regulation Order be approved, as shown on the plan in annexe A and set out in the schedules in annexe B; and
- (2) the necessary legal procedures, including those of public consultation and advertising the Council's intention to implement the Order, be approved

**69. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET - OPEN APPLICATION FOR
FUNDING**

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director that provided information of an application for funding under the quarterly open bidding round arrangements.

The application was from First Initiatives, a registered charity providing services and support to people with learning disabilities and their families and carers, for four wall mounted cigarette bins to be fitted to external areas where people smoked at Goddard Hall, Litherland. First Initiatives were concerned that the discarded cigarette stubs were a fire hazard and

they were also a flood hazard causing blocked drains. The sum requested was for £250.

Members discussed the application in considerable detail. They were particularly concerned that the application could be construed as supporting smoking, which was directly contrary to the Council's 'No Smoking' policy. However, Members also acknowledged that this was also a Health and Safety matter (in relation to discarded cigarette stubs being both a fire and flooding hazard) as well as a matter of general accommodation cleanliness.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Planning and Economic Development Director be requested to ask the applicant (First Initiatives) for information of how their application fits in with their strategy with regard to the anti-smoking campaign; and
- (2) it be noted that if the applicant demonstrates that their application is consistent with their strategy with regard to the anti-smoking campaign the Committee is minded to approve the application at its March meeting.

70. BUDGET MONITORING

Further to Minute No.52 of the meeting held on 28 October 2009, the Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director that provided information on available resources for the Area Committee area and progress on those items approved at previous meetings.

RESOLVED:

That the current financial position and progress to date on items previously agreed within the report be noted.

71. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director that set out the comments of the appropriate Officers on matters raised at previous meetings as well as correspondence relating to previous Open Forum questions.

Further to Minute No.50 of the meeting held on 28 October 2009, Members discussed the void house in Bark Road, Litherland. Members reiterated their concern that the One Vision Housing (OVH) property continued to attract vandalism. Members also commented on the reply

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received from OVH to the initial letter from the Planning and Economic
Development Director.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the correspondence and Progress Report be noted; and
- (2) the Planning and Economic Development Director be requested to
arrange a meeting between Ford Ward Councillors and One Vision
Housing, to be held before the 24 March meeting of the Area
Committee, to discuss the void house in Bark Road, Litherland.

72. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with the agrees programme of meetings for this Area
Committee, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 24 March 2010,
at Cathy Roberts Memorial Hall, Osbourne Road, Litherland.