
EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

A record of decisions made by the Executive Member with responsibility for Executive Member for Environmental Services on:-

01 APRIL 2008

following consideration of the matters detailed below in the presence of:-

Councillor Peel	Executive Member for Environmental
Councillor Sherrington	Services
Councillor D. Wilkinson	Executive Member for Cleaner, Greener,
Mr M. Cox	Safer
Mr. P. Molyneux	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Mr D. Houghton	Director of Environmental Services
Mr K. Dowd	Assistant Director of Environmental
Mr J. Kelly	Services
Ms V. Mather	Head of Highway Services
Ms R. Grimshaw	Highways Asset Manager
Mr D. Smith	Head of Highways and Engineering
Mrs S. Bailey	Development Services
	Policy Officer
	National Management Trainee
	Policy Accountant
	Principal Democratic Services Officer

73 MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report which provided an update on decisions taken at previous Executive Member meetings.

The Executive Member NOTED the report.

Attached Reports:

[Monitoring of Executive Member Decisions](#)

74 HIGHWAY PROPOSALS ASSOCIATES WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT AT FORMER GREYHOUND STADIUM, RAIKES LANE, BOLTON

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which sought approval for alterations to the highway made necessary by a proposed car showroom development, utilising an agreement

under Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980.

By way of background information, the report advised the Executive Member that planning permission for the erection of car showrooms, workshop, parts store, washing bays, associated car parking areas and the creation of a new access was granted on 15th June, 2007 by the Planning and Highways Committee. Conditions attached to the planning consent required highway improvements to the following:-

a) the Raikes Lane/A666 slip road/new site access junction, including new traffic signals and SCOOT control to link the Manchester Road signals; and b) the Croft Street/new service road access junction.

The proposed improvements, which would be covered by the Section 278 Agreement, were shown in principle on drawing 317027-06.

The report advised that the additional traffic generated by the motor dealership, together with the introduction of a new set of traffic signals at the Raikes Lane/A666 slip road junction, may increase delays and congestion. A condition had been imposed on the developer preventing any development on the remaining undeveloped part of the site until the Manchester Road/Raikes Lane junction was improved.

The works, shown on drawing number 317027/101/A4 appended to the report, would be implemented utilising an agreement under Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980 and would be funded by the developer under the terms of a Section 278 Agreement.

The Executive Member APPROVED -

The proposed highway improvements to Raikes Lane/A666 slip road, as shown in principle on drawing 317027-06, utilising an agreement under Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980, subject to a satisfactory Safety Audit.

Attached Reports:

[Highway Proposals Associates with the redevelopment at Former Greyhound Stadium, Raikes Lane, Bolton](#)
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75 REVENUE FUNDED DEFINED HIGHWAY STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAMMES 2008/2009

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which put forward the 2008/2009 Defined Structural Highway Maintenance Programmes for consideration and approval. It was highlighted that there were reserve programmes for both

footway and carriageway should funding and scheme progression return under budget.

The Executive Member APPROVED -

The 2008/2009 Defined Structural Highway Maintenance Programme, together with the reserve programmes, as now submitted.

Attached Reports:

[Revenue Funded Defined Highway Structural Maintenance Programmes 2008/2009](#)

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76 BLACKBURN ROAD, EGERTON BUS STOP CLEARWAY OBJECTION

A report of the Director of Environmental Services was submitted which commented on an objection received in response to consultation on a Bus Stop Clearway scheme on Blackburn Road, Egerton

The report advised the Executive Member that in December, 2007, a consultation exercise had been undertaken with residents of Blackburn Road regarding to Bus Stop Clearways. As a result, an objection to the proposed Clearways at Bus Stops WA1376 and 1377 was received from a resident.

The report outlined the nature of the objection which included:-

- the proposed Clearway serving WA1376, which was on the same side of the road as the objectors property, would cause inconvenience and potential devaluation of his property; and
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road marking was of extreme length and would preclude parking or dropping off of passengers close to his home.

The resident had also requested that the proposed Clearway serving the stop on the opposite side of the road (W A1377) be relocated a short distance northwards, so as not to encroach within an area where motorists drove over to access a parking area at the rear of the footway.

In response to the objection the report advised that the resident had access to off road parking both to the side and front of his property for two vehicles and there was parking available to the front and rear of the proposed Bus Stop Clearway. The proposed marking would also leave 5.8 metres (approximately one cars length) of available parking space directly in front of his property. If the proposed marking was approved, it would free up an 8 metre length of the kerbside to the north of the bus stop pole, fronting terraced properties which had no driveways.

In conformance with the approved method of attempting to resolve objections, a site meeting had been held with Ward Members, the objector and officers. It had not been possible to resolve the objections at that meeting and the matter was now referred to the Executive Member for decision.

The Executive Member APPROVED -

Notwithstanding the objection received, the confirmation of the proposed Bus Stop Clearway on the basis detailed in the report, and that the Director of Environmental Services be authorised to install the Clearway.

Attached Reports:

[Blackburn Road, Egerton Bus Stop Clearway Objection](#)

[Blackburn Road, Egerton Bus Stop Clearway Objection](#)

77 ADDITIONAL HIGHWAYS REVENUE BUDGET ALLOCATION

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which outlined proposals for the allocation of the additional highways revenue funds.

The report reminded the Executive Member that as part of the 2008/2009 CBPP, the Council had made provision for an additional allocation to the baseline highways revenue budget of £1 million.

The report went on to outline the proposed areas where the allocation could be re-invested. The proposals aimed to bring about safety related and physical improvements to the highway

network in residential areas.

The Executive Member APPROVED -

The additional funds being directed into the areas detailed in the report now submitted.

Attached Reports:

[Additional Highways Revenue Budget Allocation](#)

78 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN 2008/2011

A report of the Director of Environmental Services was submitted which put forward the 2008/2011 Environmental Services Strategic Plan for the consideration and approval of the Executive Member.

The Plan had been developed to reflect the range of services provided by the Department and its future direction over the next three years.

The Executive Member NOTED the Environmental Services Department's key achievements in 2007; and APPROVED -

The 2008/2011 Environmental Services Strategic Plan, as now submitted.

Attached Reports:

[Environmental Services Strategic Plan 2008/2011](#)

79 POLICY AND PERFORMANCE RESTRUCTURE

Further to Minute 3 of the meeting of the Chief Officers Appointments Panel held on 2nd July, 2007, the Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which put forward proposals to rationalise the support services provided by Development and Regeneration and Environmental Services Departments by the creation of a Performance and Improvement Team within the Environmental Services Department.

By way of background information, the report reminded the Executive Member that the Policy and Performance division had replaced the former Strategy and Service Development division and Business Change section and provided new support services across both the Development and Regeneration and

Environmental Services Departments. In December, 2007, the post of Head of Service, Strategy and Performance, within the division had been deleted as an efficiency saving and the five staff within that team were then line managed by the Head of Service, Communication and Development. The Assistant Director, Support Services had retired on 31st March, 2008 and, at that time, several posts which were within the remit of the Assistant Director, Support Services had become line managed by the Head of Service, Communication and Development.

In this regard, the report went on to outline proposals to rationalise all the posts, now within the remit of the Head of Service, Communication and Development, into three broad but integrated themes:-

- Policy and Performance; - Executive and Administrative Support; and - Service Improvement.

It was also proposed to name the new team 'Performance and Improvement' to reflect its new focus.

The proposed staffing arrangements were outlined in Appendix 1 to the report. Changes from the existing arrangements were also summarised, together with proposals for the recruitment, where appropriate. Job descriptions and person specifications for the proposed new and amended posts were shown at Appendix 2 to the report. Grades for the new posts were currently pending evaluation/confirmation by Central Personnel and all the new posts were subject to the outcome of the current pay and grading review. The remits of each new Team were also described in the report.

The proposals would provide an annual saving of £20,390, which represented part implementation of the efficiency savings identified under the Environmental Services Management and Administration Service within the 2008/2009 Strategic Budget. The proposals would also provided an additional annual saving of £16,000 which would secure the budget options identified in the Development and Regeneration Department proposed for 2008/2009.

The Executive Member APPROVED -

Subject to the approval of the Executive Member for Human Resources, Performance and Diversity, the proposed structure, as outlined in the report, and the proposed methods of recruitment,

Attached Reports:

[Policy and Performance Restructure](#)