

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

MEETING, 16TH AUGUST, 2010

Present – Councillors Zaman (Chairman), R. Allen (as deputy for Councillor A. Walsh), Critchley, Mrs Fairclough, Peel, and D. Wilkinson.

Also in Attendance

Mr S Young	- Assistant Director of Environmental Services
Mr T Higson	- Principal Road Safety Officer
Ms J Kerr	- GMP Family Liaison Officer
Mr J Kelly	- Head of Highways and Engineering Services
Mrs S Bailey	- Principal Democratic Services Officer

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor A. Walsh.

Councillor Zaman in the Chair

15. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Group held on 15th July, 2010 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

Further to Minute 12, members referred to Bolton Market and felt that the Council should increase the publicity of it and provide responses to comments made about it.

It was agreed that the request of the PDG in terms of Bolton Market be made known to the Director of Development and Regeneration.

16. PERMANENT MEMORIAL TO PEOPLE KILLED ON THE ROADS

Further to the meetings of the Environmental Services PDG held on 1st December, 2009 and 25th January, 2010, the Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which outlined proposals for the design and introduction of a permanent memorial in Queen's Park to people killed on the roads together with suggested protocols for managing the site.

Members were reminded that the PDG had previously approved the protocols for managing roadside tributes. However, it had also agreed that these would not be implemented until a permanent memorial to people killed in roads was introduced. The PDG had also discussed at length the type and location of the memorial to be introduced in Queen's Park.

In this regard, the report provided details and illustrations of the suggested memorial which consisted of a group of trees, a plaque, two benches and an area of hard standing. The exact location was displayed on a map appended to the report. Members' views were also sought on the suggested wording for the plaque.

In addition, the report provided details of suggested protocols that would manage the memorial site which included:

- tributes would be restricted to floral tributes which would be removed once they showed signs of decay; and
- enabling the Roadpeace Group to arrange an annual service at the memorial if they so wished.

Members were reminded that an amount of capital funding in the region of £25,000 had been allocated for designing and creating the memorial in Queen's Park.

Following consideration of the report, members discussed the issues involved and made the following observations/comments:

- the possibility of providing more adequate fencing on to the park adjacent to the memorial site to prevent anti - social behaviour;
- the plaque should be bigger than that suggested in the report;
- the possibility of CCTV being provided for the memorial as part of the ongoing refurbishment programme taking place at Queen's Park;
- the wording on the plaque should include references to Bolton Council and an appropriate inscription that reflected members' views expressed at the meeting; and
- discussions should take place with the Council's Marketing and Communications Department to publicise the memorial once it was in place.

It was agreed that the issues raised by members be explored and the Executive Member for Environmental Services be recommended to agree to the introduction of the memorial in Queen's Park on the basis now discussed.

(The meeting started at 1.30pm and finished at 2.00pm)