

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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

TUESDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 2009

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

Councillor Peel	Executive Member for Environmental Services
Councillor D. Wilkinson	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Mr. M. Cox	Director of Environmental Services
Mr. P. Molyneux	Assistant Director of Environmental Services
Mr. J. Kelly	Head of Highways and Engineering Development Services
Mr. P. Lamb	Senior Project Officer
Ms J. Pollard	Policy Accountant
Mrs S. Bailey	Principal Democratic Services Officer

70. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

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

The Executive Member NOTED the report.

71. HIGHWAY PROPOSALS FOR WATERLOO STREET/ CALVIN STREET

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which outlined highway proposals to improve the junction at Waterloo Street/Calvin Street and to introduce a two way system on Calvin Street, as shown on the plan appended to the report.

The report outlined the various traffic and parking related issues that were being experienced in and around the area of Watersmeeting Road and put forward proposals to improve the junction at Waterloo Street/Calvin Street and to introduce a two way system on Calvin Street. Other measures included:-

- removal of existing refuge at the north end of the one way street;
- the introduction of approximately four parking bays, with waiting restrictions; and
- a new exit route from the Valley into Waterloo Street to increase traffic volume and thereby reduce anti-social behaviour.

The scheme would be funded from the Minor Works Programme and was currently programmed for 2009/2010 at a cost of £60,000 and developer contributions of £40,000.

The Executive Member APPROVED –

The highway proposals to improve the junction at Waterloo Street/Calvin Street and to introduce a two way system on Calvin Street, as shown on plan number 32060/5 appended to the report.

72. NO STOPPING OUTSIDE SCHOOL MARKINGS – VARIOUS LOCATIONS (TRAFFIC ORDER 303598) – OBJECTIONS

A report of the Director of Environmental Services was submitted which sought approval to make revisions to the School Keep Clear Markings in various locations following a recent review.

By way of background information, the report advised the Executive Member that the Parking Enforcement Issues Steering Group had agreed that a review of School Keep Clear Markings should be carried out to ascertain what action would

be necessary to ensure that the markings complied with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 and were correctly positioned on the highway in accordance with the Traffic Regulation Order.

The review was carried out by consultants in May 2008 and a number of anomalies between the Parking Consolidation Order and the Keep Clear Markings outside the schools were identified. Proposals had been drawn up to correct the anomalies and thereby resolve the parking and enforcement issues associated with them. The revised proposals were advertised and a number of objections were received. The report summarised the concerns expressed by the objectors and the views of the Ward Members.

The costs associated with the revisions would be met from Parking Services Central Capital Funding. If approved, the new restrictions would be implemented as soon as the necessary legal processes had been completed.

The Executive Member APPROVED –

- (i) The revisions to the School Keep Clear Markings, as advertised, with the exception of the marking at Scot Lane End Primary School which should be deleted as the school was now closed and the marking no longer appropriate; and**
- (ii) The amendment of the street name plate on Cox Green Road to read 'Cox Green Road leading to Cox Green Close'.**

73. BACK SPRING GARDENS S278 (LE MANS SQUARE)

A report of the Director of Environmental Services was submitted which sought approval for alterations to the public highway associated with a mixed use development and associated car parking at Back Spring Gardens, under a Section 278 Agreement with the developer.

By way of background information, the report advised the Executive Member that planning permission for the erection of a mixed use development and associated car parking had been granted on 28th June, 2007. Attached to the consent were conditions requiring the vehicular access from Back Spring Gardens to be constructed and laid out entirely in accordance with the approved details. Alterations to Black Horse Street and the existing car park entrance were also required for safety reasons.

The proposed layout was shown on drawing 317036/01.

The developer would meet all of the Council's costs with regard to the design and implementation of the works. There were no financial implications for the Council.

The Executive Member APPROVED –

The proposed alterations to the public highway to facilitate the development at Back Spring Gardens, as detailed on drawing 317036/01 attached to the report

74. PUBLIC REALM IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK – HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT AND ARCHITECTURAL LIGHTING PROJECTS FOR APPROVAL

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report which sought the Executive Member's approval to architecturally light the Parish Church and to complete highway improvement works to Market Street, Bolton.

The Executive Member was reminded that in July, 2008, a programme of co-ordinated projects led by the Development and Regeneration and Environmental Services Departments was approved, which broke down the delivery of the Public Realm Implementation Framework into three main strands of public spaces, highway improvement works and lighting.

In view of the above, the following proposals were put forward:-

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to complete the public realm works along the southern section of Market Street, from its junction with Deansgate to Hotel Street. This would involve replacing the existing concrete flags with natural stone flags and the existing block paviors with the same type of blocks used on the north side of Market Street. In addition, a granite stone kerb would be introduced to define the carriageway from the footway and all of the existing cast iron bollards would be replaced and the drainage channels would also be reconfigured. It was also intended to replace the existing street lighting with ornamental wall mounted lights. The total cost of the project was estimated at £175,000; and

- it was proposed to architecturally light the Parish Church, which would involve lighting all four sides of the church tower from the existing columns within the church grounds. It was also proposed to internally light the stained glass windows. The proposal had again been drawn up by Sutton Vane Associates, who produced the lighting strategy contained within the PRIF and who had been commissioned by the Council's public realm advisors. The total cost of the project was estimated at £55,000.

With regard to the financial implications, the REDD Capital Programme 2008/2009 had a remaining allocation of £250,000 for the implementation of the PRIF during 2008/2009 and approval was sought for £175,000 to fund the highway improvement works to the southern section of Market Street and £55,000 to architecturally light the Parish Church. It was anticipated that all works would be completed by the end of the current financial year.

The report had also been considered by the Executive Member for Development at his meeting on 19th January, 2009.

The Executive Member APPROVED –

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**The highway improvement works to Market Street, Bolton
and the investment of £175,000.**