

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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

TUESDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 2007

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

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| Councillor J. Byrne | Executive Member for Environmental Services |
| Councillor Sherrington | Executive Member for Recycling and Waste Management |
| Councillor J. Walsh | Major Opposition Spokesperson (Environment) |
| Councillor Hayes | Minor Opposition Spokesperson (Environmental and Recycling) |
| Mr. M. Cox | Deputy Director of Environmental Services |
| Mr. P. Crosbie | Assistant Director of Environmental Services |
| Mr. P. Molyneux | Assistant Director of Environmental Services |
| Mr. B. Shaw | Assistant Director of Environmental Services |
| Mr. P. Bridge | Assistant Director of Environmental Services |
| Mr. J. Evans | Head of Highways Management |
| Mr. A. Watts | Engineering Strategic Transport Manager |
| Mr. D. Smith | Policy Accountant |
| Mr. T. Bullock | Group Engineer |
| Mr. M. Russell | Greenspace Manager |
| Mr. J. Sharrock | Manager, Business Performance and Planning Division |
| Mr. I. D. Mulholland | |

Principal Democratic Services
Officer

63. MONITORING OF DECISIONS

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report which provided details of the progress of decisions taken at previous meetings of this Executive Member.

The Executive Member NOTED the progress on the decisions taken at previous Executive Member meetings, as set out in the appendix to these minutes.

64. MARKET STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which sought approval for changes to the markets staffing arrangements that would be achieved within existing operational costs.

By way of background information, the report explained that as part of the continuous improvement programme and in recognition of current cost reduction exercises, a review of the markets management arrangements had taken place. The proposals would be beneficial in reducing operational costs, removing elements of duplication between officers, improving the continuity of work and involving supervisory management.

The report went on to explain that to achieve these benefits, it was proposed to dis-establish one post of Assistant Markets Manager, through the Voluntary Early Retirement Process, to create a Senior Market Officer Post within the current Market Officer establishment and to establish a temporary part time Market Officer post that would, initially, be filled utilising agency employees pending an ongoing review of staffing requirements at the district markets.

These changes would supplement other changes in the management arrangements made in January and August, 2005 and July, 2006 that resulted in the reduction of Assistant Manager posts from three to two and the introduction of two

new posts:-

- Business and Management Support Officer; and
- Chargehand Porter.

In conclusion, the report indicated that the Unions had been consulted and were in agreement with the proposals.

The Executive Member APPROVED - subject to the agreement of the Executive Member for Human Resources and Diversity, the proposals to change the markets staffing arrangements as now indicated in the report.

65. BOLTON FISH MARKET - CENTRAL REFRIGERATION SYSTEM

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which sought Executive Member approval to decommission the central refrigeration supply, currently known as the central pack, and to replace it with individual supplies in both the fish market and the fruit and vegetable market.

By way of background information, the report explained many years of failing equipment, gas losses and its' high cost replacement, high cost maintenance and the imposition of a greater liability on the market to comply with current and proposed health and safety legislation now necessitated change. In view of this, Bradshaw Consulting were engaged, in August 2006, to review the current refrigerant supply system, to comment on its sustainability and to recommend alternatives to it. Their report, completed in late September 2006, made two principal recommendations: -

- that the existing plant should be decommissioned and replaced with individual compressors that supplied refrigerant to stalls and equipment; and
- that traders equipment currently linked to the central pack be replaced with stand-alone equipment that did not require an external

refrigerant supply.

Furthermore, the Bradshaw report had been seen by the Acting Assistant Resident Engineer, Corporate Property Services, who commented that: -

- the central pack was far beyond its useful life;
- Facilities Management would not be able to maintain the central pack until the main refurbishment of the market, took place; and
- the best alternative would be the installation of individual cabinets and plant for reasons of flexibility, continuance of service and minimum disturbance.

In terms of the financial implications, the Executive Member was advised that the cost would be in the region of £63,000 and it was envisaged that pay back of this sum would be achieved within fifteen months of work being completed.

The Executive Member APPROVED - The decommissioning of the external central pack refrigeration equipment and its replacement with individual compressor units.

66. WESTHOUGHTON MARKET PETITION

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which advised the Executive Member of the receipt of a petition from Westhoughton Market Traders.

The report explained that as part of the continuing consultation about the future of Westhoughton Market the traders had expressed a desire to have the market refurbished and not redeveloped, as was the current proposal.

To this end the traders raised a petition which was presented to Council on 13th December, 2006 that in essence, objected to:-

- the provision of flats above the market; and
- the closure of the market for 18 months whilst the work was undertaken.

The petition also called for the Council to find funding to refurbish the market with as little disruption as possible.

The Executive Member:-

- (i) **NOTED that comments on the petition would be included in reports concerning redevelopment proposals for Westhoughton Market to be presented to forthcoming meetings of the Executive Member for Development and Regeneration and Corporate Strategy and Finance; and**
- (ii) **That the Director of Environmental Services be asked to issue a press release explaining what the current position is and that the options on the way forward are being explored.**

67. GREEN FLAG AWARD UPDATE

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which informed the Executive Member of progress in the submission of a Green Flag Award application for the 2007 Awards, in accordance with the 2006/07 Environmental Services Improvement Action Plan.

By way of background information, the report indicated that the Green Flag Award was a national standard for parks and green places, awarded annually.

There were a number of Key Criteria against which every park or green space, for which an application was made, would be judged. Following the previous decision to submit applications with the target of achieving a Green Flag Award in 2007 an action plan had been implemented to achieve a bid for the deadline submission date of 31st January, 2007. The Officer

group tasked with submitting the bid decided to focus on 2 parks, Moss Bank and Moses Gate. Progress had been such that it was proposed to submit both parks for the 2007 Award.

Following a site inspection a decision was anticipated in July on whether the applications had been successful.

The Executive Member AGREED to:-

- (i) **Note the progress made in relation to the submission of an application for a Green Flag Award; and**
- (ii) **Approve the proposal to submit Green Flag Award applications for both Moss Bank Park and Moses Gate Country Park.**

68. MORTFIELD LODGES PETITION – HEALTH AND SAFETY INSPECTION AND RISK ASSESSMENT

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which advised the Executive Member of the outcome of a Health and Safety Inspection and Risk Assessment Review for Mortfield Lodges in the context of the petition previously received objecting to the re-opening of the gate access at Shepherd Cross Street.

By way of background information, the report reminded the Executive Member of the status of Mortfield Lodges and the history in relation to public access. Furthermore, the Shepherd Cross Street gate at Mortfield Lodges was re-opened to the public between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. following repeated requests via the Ward Councillors.

Subsequently a petition was received requesting that the gate remain closed on Health and Safety grounds and expressed concern regarding equality of access and potential anti-social behaviour.

Access to the site was already available during the same hours via a second gate on, The Avenue.

The report went on to indicate that site inspections and a review of the existing Risk Assessment for Mortfield Lodges had been carried out and account taken of the impact of the opening of the Shepherd Cross Street gate. The review had identified appropriate actions which could be taken to reduce the risks to users of the site, however they had gained access. These were to be actioned as appropriate. It had also identified a specific action in relation to the risks associated with the use of the Shepherd Cross Street gate as indicated in the report. This was considered reasonable and as a result it was recommended that the Shepherd Cross Street gate continued to be opened as at present.

The Executive Member AGREED -

- (i) To note the outcome of the Health and Safety Inspection and Risk Assessment Review for Mortfield Lodges; and**
- (ii) That the Director of Environmental Services explore the introduction of possible further safety measures at Mortfield Lodges, particularly in relation to signage and the dangers posed by silted water; and**
- (iii) To the continued opening of the gate on Shepherd Cross Street as per the current operating hours of 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., within the constraints of available resources.**

69. HULTON PLAYING FIELDS PETITION

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which advised the Executive Member of the receipt of a petition regarding the misuse of Hulton Lane Playing Fields and to consider the issues raised.

By way of background information, the report indicated that Hulton Lane Playing Field was a large space with an open road frontage boundary of approximately 750 metres.

The site had historically experienced traveller encampments and suffered from misuse by off road motorcycles and quad bikes.

The report went on to explain that during the winter of 2005/06 fencing and an access gate were installed around the park adjacent to the changing Pavilion because access had historically been gained at that point by travellers.

The report went on to cite the problems of traveller encampment on the field during the last three years. Also referred to were incidents of off-road mini and quad bike usage.

In terms of the possibility of installing physical barriers to prevent nuisance the report indicated that, in the light of an evaluation, the most appropriate course of action would be to install a metal fence around the site with a number of gated pedestrian access points.

The course of action did not appear cost effective in the context of the current value of the asset to be protected and the issues it would seek to address. If, in the future, investment could be identified to improve and increase the value of the asset then fencing the whole site should be re-considered.

A targeted approach to deterring encampments by securing the most vulnerable access points would be an appropriate initial measure which could be evaluated.

The Executive Member AGREED to NOTE the petition regarding the misuse of Hulton Lane Playing Field and deferred a decision on the way forward pending detailed consultation with Ward Members.

70. CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT, 2005 - DOG CONTROL AREA DESIGNATION

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which set out proposals for the designation of land for offences under the Dog Control Orders within the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act, 2005.

By way of background information the report indicated that the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (2005) included powers to replace the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 which was adopted by Bolton Council in 1999. The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act extended the offences to which the Authorities could enforce. These now included keeping dogs on leads and exclusion of dogs in areas designated by the Authority on top of the existing dog fouling powers.

The Orders within the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 would be repealed when the Council adopted the new Act following the designation of areas for the above offences and the conclusion of a period of 28 days consultation with Parish Councils.

The report explained that under the existing powers, authorised officers could enforce only dog fouling offences. The current designation for this offence was any area of public land, with the exception of carriageways with a speed limit of more than 40mph, when it was an offence for a person in charge of a dog to fail to remove that dogs faeces forthwith from the designated land, unless he/she had a reasonable excuse for failing to do so.

With regard to the new powers, the report stated that there were five powers available to local authorities in relation to dogs: -, viz

- failure to remove dog faeces;
- not keeping a dog on a lead;
- not putting, and keeping a dog on a lead when directed to by an authorised officer;

- permitting a dog to enter land from which dogs were excluded; and
- taking more than a specified number of dogs onto land.

The Council were now required to designate areas where the above offences or failure to remove faeces, failure to keep a dog on a lead, not putting and keeping a dog on a lead when directed to by an authorised officer and permitting a dog to enter land from which dogs were excluded could be enforced. It was not intended at this stage to designate areas for the offence of taking more than a specified number of dogs onto land as this was seen as an issue that would be dealt with on a case by case basis due to the anticipated infrequency of its occurrence.

To avoid potential conflict, the Council had to also consult any secondary authorities such as Parish or Town Councils who also had the power to make Dog Control Orders.

The appendices to the report set out the specific details of the proposed enforcement of the new offences in Bolton.

The Executive Member:-

- (i) **ENDORSED the options put forward in the report and to include those cemeteries adopted under the 1963 Cemeteries Act regarding the designation of land for Dog Control Orders within the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act, 2005;**
- (ii) **That the Director of Environmental Services be asked to clarify the position regarding the status of all school land including verges under the new Act; and**
- (iii) **AGREED to delegate to the Director of Environmental Services in consultation with the Executive Member for Environmental**

Services power to identify further areas for designation under Dog Control Orders within the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act, 2005.

71. COMMUNITIES AND PLACE - DELIVERY OF CLEANER, GREENER COMMUNITIES ELEMENT OF THE SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND - MONTH 6 UPDATE

A joint report of the Directors of Development and Regeneration and Environmental Services was submitted which provided an update on developments in relation to an allocation of the Cleaner, Greener Communities element of the Safer, Stronger Communities Funding (SSCF).

The Executive Member was advised that the Cleaner, Greener Communities element of the SSCF was to be targeted for the benefit of those experiencing the worst levels of deprivation in the Borough. It was stated that there were ten themes within the Programme and the report provided an update on the activity delivered, over the past six months, within each theme.

The Executive Member CONFIRMED that the programme of activity is in line with the strategic and targeted approach required by the Council.

72. BRADFORD STREET/CASTLE STREET - SIGNALLED CONTROLLED JUNCTION - USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS PROCEDURE

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which advised of the use of the Council's Emergency Powers Procedure in respect of a decision regarding the signal controlled junction at Bradford Street/Castle Street, Bolton.

The report explained that the Council had been successful in obtaining funding from Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive to upgrade the existing traffic signals at the Castle Street/Bradford Street junction as part of the Northern Orbital Quality Bus Corridor. As part of the upgrade it

was proposed to introduce a pedestrian, 'all red, phase at the junction. When this was introduced it would no longer be necessary to retain the two refuge islands that currently existed on Castle Street and it was proposed that these be removed. This would enable opposing right turn lanes to be introduced, thereby easing the flow of traffic on Castle Street. The funding that had been awarded from the Greater Manchester Transport Executive was only available until the end of March 2007.

The report also indicated that Executive Member approval had been required in accordance with the Emergency Powers Procedure to enable the work to commence on site in late January/early February, 2007.

The Executive Member NOTED the report.

73. MOSS BANK WAY PEDESTRIAN SCHEME

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which advised the Executive Member of objections which had been received to the proposed introduction of pedestrian facilities on Moss Bank Way, Bolton.

The report indicated that as a result of the accident situation on Moss Bank Way, in the vicinity of the existing Pelican Crossing at the Tattersall Avenue junction and concerns about the speed and volume of traffic on this section of Moss Bank Way, a scheme had been drawn up to address those issues. Local residents were consulted on the proposals and although there were some concerns, it was clear that the majority of those consulted were in favour of the scheme. The concerns were detailed and commented upon in the report.

Section three of the report reminded the Executive Member of the main features of the proposed scheme.

The Executive Member AGREED - That notwithstanding the objections received, the scheme be implemented as consulted upon with the exception that the existing north bound cycle lane be retained between the roundabout at Chorley Old Road and the proposed Puffin crossing.

74. BRADFORD ROAD, FARNWORTH, TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which advised of the receipt of objections to the proposed introduction of a Traffic Management Scheme on Bradford Road, Farnworth, Bolton.

The report explained that as a result of the accident situation on Bradford Road and concerns about the speed and volume of traffic using Bradford Road, a Route Management Scheme had been drawn up to address traffic speed and the road accident history. Local residents were consulted on the proposals and, although the overall response was lower than expected, a small majority of those who replied were in favour of the scheme. A number of concerns were expressed about some aspects of the scheme and these were detailed and commented upon in the report.

The Executive Member AGREED - That notwithstanding the objections received the scheme be implemented with the exception of the two refuges originally proposed at the junction of Broad Oak Road.

75. CROMPTON WAY ROUTE MANAGEMENT

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which advised of the receipt of objections to the proposed introduction of a Speed Management Scheme on Crompton Way, Bolton.

The report explained that as a result of the accident situation on Crompton Way and concerns about the speed and volume of traffic using this route, a Speed Management Scheme had been drawn up to address traffic speed and the road accident history. Local residents were consulted on the proposals and it was clear that a majority of those who replied were in favour of the scheme. A number of concerns were expressed about some aspects of the scheme and these were detailed and commented upon in the report.

The Executive Member AGREED - That notwithstanding the objections received, the Speed Management Scheme be implemented as advertised.

(Subsequent to the above decision and in accordance with Article 5 of the Council's Constitution this decision was Called – In by Councillors Allen, Critchley, Lever, Morgan, J. Walsh and R. Wilkinson for consideration by the Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 7th February, 2007)

76. GREEN LANE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which advised the Executive Member of the receipt of objections to the Green Lane, Local Safety Scheme, Bolton.

The report explained that as a result of the accident situation and concerns about the speed and volume of traffic on Green Lane, Bolton, a Local Safety Scheme had been drawn up to address those issues. Local residents were consulted on the proposals and although the overall response was lower than expected, a majority of those who replied were in favour of the scheme.

The concerns were detailed and commented upon in the report.

Having considered those concerns, the Director of Environmental Services recommended that approval was given to implement the measures referred to in the report, with the exception of the proposed mini-roundabout at the junction with Crescent Road, which was to be the subject of a further report. If approved, the work would be carried out during the current financial year.

The Executive Member AGREED - That notwithstanding the objections received, the Local Safety Scheme be implemented with the exception of the proposed mini-roundabout at the junction with Crescent Road, which is to be the subject of a further report.

77. DEAKINS PARK, EGERTON - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES - USE OF THE EMERGENCY POWERS PROCEDURE

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which advised of the use of the Council's Emergency Powers Procedure regarding Deakin's Park Traffic Management measures.

The report explained that the introduction of traffic calming measures on the adopted highways in the vicinity of the Deakins Mill residential development, Egerton, together with a mini-roundabout at the junction of The Hall Coppice and the approach road from Deakins Mill was a condition of the planning approval for the development.

Local residents were consulted on the scheme in July, 2006 and although a large majority believed that calming was needed in the area, many of them were opposed to the location of the calming features. Also, some of the residents expressed the view that traffic signals were required at the junction of Blackburn Road/The Hall Coppice.

The Executive Member was reminded that the Planning and Highways Committee considered a report on the possible future introduction of traffic signals at the meeting held on 16th November, 2006, and decided to defer a decision pending a wider consultation with residents.

The introduction of a mini-roundabout at the junction of The Hall Coppice and private access road to the development was considered essential on road safety grounds. The mini-roundabout, which would be formed in asphalt and white paint, was intended to re-establish the priority at the junction such that traffic emerging from Deakins Mill would be required to, 'Give Way', to other traffic.

The report also highlighted that in view of the above deferral and the non-resolution of a road hump issues to date, the urgent approval of the mini-roundabout proposed was

necessary because of ongoing safety concerns.

The Executive Member NOTED the report.

78. A6 BLACKROD BY-PASS/MANCHESTER ROAD JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT

The Director Environmental Services submitted a report which sought Executive Member approval for alterations to the highway made necessary by the conversion of the existing junction into an all movement signal controlled junction at A6 Blackrod By-Pass/Manchester Road Junction.

The report indicated that the A6 Blackrod By-Pass/Manchester Road junction had a long history as an accident hot spot. The type of accidents involved were turning into or out of Manchester Road and there were 13 recorded accidents in the 3 year period August, 2000 to July, 2003.

It was proposed to convert the existing junction into an all movements signalised junction. The proposed junction layout was shown on the General Arrangement Drawing No. 278030/012, attached to the report.

The report went on to explain that based on the proposed scheme design it was anticipated that in the order of 50% of accidents would be prevented within three years of the scheme being completed. Consequently, the estimated first year rate of return on the Local Safety element of the funding would be approximately 120%.

In conclusion, the Director of Environmental Services recommended the Executive Member to agree to the implementation of the highway improvement works at the A6 Blackrod By-Pass/Manchester Road junction at an estimated cost of £240,000.

The Executive Member APPROVED - The proposed junction improvements on the A6 Blackrod By-Pass/Manchester Road junction at an estimated cost of £240,000 to the Capital Programme.

79. NORRIS STREET, LITTLE LEVER - PETITION

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which advised the Executive Member of the receipt of a petition regarding local residents concerns about school traffic using Kay Street and Allen Street to gain access to St Matthews C of E Primary School on Norris Street, Little Lever.

The report indicated that the entry to St Matthews C of E Primary School was on Norris Street and, as at most schools, parents often took their children there by car. It was indicated that the best way to reduce the problem would be to encourage parents not to use their cars to take children to school. It was thus intended to contact the school to see if a school travel plan could be developed which would limit the number of vehicular movements in this area.

Consideration would also be given to the introduction of traffic regulation measures to limit the ability for parents to take/park their cars in the area, although any such measures might well have an adverse impact on local residents and as such, might not be acceptable to them. If an achievable scheme could be identified then a local consultation would be undertaken both with the school and local residents.

The Executive Member:-

- (i) **NOTED the receipt of the petition and the proposed actions that are to be taken, which will include a future local consultation; and**
- (ii) **That the Director of Environmental Services be asked to explore the possible promotion of other measures including the use of the footway between Redcar Road and Maldon Close for school pedestrian access including the provision of adequate signage.**

80. GLENMORE AVENUE, FARNWORTH - PETITION

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which advised the Executive Member of the receipt of a petition which asked for changes to vehicular access in the Glenmore Avenue area.

The report went on to explain that the road along which an accident occurred, Glenmore Avenue was, together with Broad Oak Road, regularly used as a “rat-run” by motorists who did not reside in those two streets. The streets were used as an alternative to a more congested access route to a traffic signalled junction and also possibly by residents of other nearby streets to access their homes.

It was the intention to consult with residents of Glenmore Avenue and Broad Oak Road only, to determine views upon possible traffic management options. The options which would be suggested would be the two that petitioners had already voted upon. These were a Prohibition of driving on Broad Oak Road at its junction with Bradford Road or a One Way Traffic Movement westbound on Broad Oak Road. These were detailed on the plans attached to the report. Furthermore, if there was clear support for one or other of the proposed options then a report would be submitted to the Planning and Highways Committee for promoting this, possibly on an experimental basis initially, in the usual way. If there was no clearly favoured option a report would be presented to a future meeting so that the Executive Member could determine the way forward.

The Executive Member NOTED the report and the above proposed course of action.

81. BOLTON TOWN CENTRE HIGHWAY PROPOSALS - NORTH EAST SECTOR

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which advised the Executive Member of proposed changes to the highway infrastructure in the North East Sector of Bolton Town Centre. The report also proposed the adoption of a Highways Policy Note for the area.

By way of background information, the report explained that on 26th April, 2005 the Executive Member for Environmental Services had adopted the Bolton Town Centre Transport Strategy as part of the wider Bolton Town Centre Action Framework. Since then the strategy had been used as a basis to:-

- Identify projects to be included in the Highways Capital Programme; and
- Provide information for local Search and Planning Control Purposes.

The Executive Member was informed that the Strategy had now been published, work had been completed on the Car Parking Strategy and work had also started on planning and programming the necessary Highway Infrastructure works. The Town Centre had been divided into sectors for this purpose and these were shown on plan number 931058/003. The report explained that a Highways Policy Note would be developed for each area and brought forward for approval.

The report went on to indicate that the Council had been invited to submit and bid for funding from the Quality Bus Corridor Top Slice Programme in September, 2006 and was notified of the success of the bid in November, 2006. The initial design was then able to be commenced. Unfortunately, it was not possible to commence on site until the summer of 2007. This would mean that construction of the scheme would have to continue during the Christmas/New Year period of 2007/08.

The report also informed of proposals to complete the St. Peters Way on-slip road before any traffic management changes were introduced to the North East Sector. This would allow the existing signals at St. Peters Way/Topp Way Junction to be rephased to reduce the impact of the interim proposals for the North East Area.

The Executive Member was advised that, following further discussions concerning the timetable and funding, it was now proposed to undertake the Bow Street/St George's Street

Gyratory and a new slip road on to St. Peter's Way from Bury New Road at the same time.

Appended to the report was a copy of the document which proposed the Bolton Town Centre Transport Strategy Highway Proposals for the North East Sector of the Town Centre.

The Executive Member AGREED -

- (i) The proposals for the North East Sector as described in Highway Policy Note A21 101 (06), be approved for further consultation with GMPTE and the bus operators;**
- (ii) To note the amended proposal to undertake construction of the Bow Street / St. George's Street Gyratory and the new slip road onto St. Peter's Way from Bury New Road at the same time; and**
- (iii) NOTED the proposals for further changes in the future to implement the full Bolton Town Centre Transport Strategy Bus Gyratory and associated Highway Proposals.**

82. MOSS BANK WAY/ TEMPLE ROAD SECTION 278 AGREEMENT

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which informed The Executive Member of proposed changes to the junction layout at Moss Bank Way/Temple Road.

The report indicated that revisions to the junction of the A58 Moss Bank Way/Temple Way were in connection with the development of housing on land off Temple Road.

The Executive Member was advised that further survey work and consultation was undertaken and it was now proposed to improve the awareness of drivers of the junction through new road markings and signing in such a way as to prevent the occurrence of future accidents.

The report also stated that the current developer had agreed to fund the scheme via a Section 278 Agreement and it was hoped that implementation would take place in 2007/08.

The drawing attached to the report, 313013/09, illustrated the proposed Junction Layout.

The Executive Member APPROVED - The proposed improvements to road markings and signing at the Moss Bank Way/Temple Road Junction as shown on drawing number 313013/09, for implementation under the terms of a Section 278 Agreement.

EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

| Date of Meeting | Item and Decision | Action and Progress |
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| 6/02/04 | <p><u>Bradshawgate – Petition for Closure (JGE)</u></p> <p>The Executive member for Environment AGREED:</p> <p>(ii) To approve the action proposed by officers with the inclusion of a meeting between Councillors Harkin, Critchley and Higson, together with relevant officers, in advance of further action; and</p> <p>(iii) To receive a further report in the future.</p> | <p>Interim report submitted to ESPDG January 2007. Proposals for East Sector to be submitted April 2007</p> |
| 25/1/05 | <p><u>Proposed Nelson Street/Weston Street/Crescent Road/Bradford Road - Road Improvements and Land Purchase. (JK)</u></p> <p>(ii) To further consultation with ward members, local residents and other affected bodies on the scheme and seek their views on the development of the scheme.</p> | <p>Negotiations with landowners for road widening being undertaken – consultations will be reported when result of land discussions known - no change.</p> |

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| 20/7/05 | <p><u>Procurement of Professional Engineering Services within the Highways and Engineering Division (TK)</u></p> <p>APPROVED –</p> <p>(i) The proposal to invite tenders for the provision of professional engineering, highway and transport engineering services; and AGREED</p> <p>(ii) That in accordance with Standing Orders, an advertisement be placed in the appropriate technical press inviting companies to be included on a select list of consultants to tender for the provision of a range of professional engineering and related activities; and</p> <p>(iii) To exempt Standing Order No. 7 to enable the continuing employment of consulting engineers based upon terms and conditions published by the Association of Consulting Engineers, subject to the Chief Officer being satisfied that value for money is being obtained on behalf of the Council.</p> | Task put in abeyance by HEDMT |
| 17/10/05 | <p><u>Public Footpath 153, Westhoughton – Objections Received to Advertised Order (DW)</u></p> <p>AGREED – (1) to revoke the original decision to approve a</p> | Order re-advertised, closing date for |

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| | diversion of Footpath 153 Westhoughton; and (2) to authorise the Director of Central Services to make and advertise a Public Path Extinguishment Order for the area of land encroached by the building and seek refurbishment of costs from the developer. | objections: 25 th Jan 2007 |
| 16/11/05 | <u>Darcy Lever Railway Cutting – Claim for a Public Footpath (DW)</u> AGREED – The making of a Modification Order to add the claimed Public Footpath to the Council's Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way as a highway maintainable at the public expense. | Objection received. P&H Committee approved referral to Secretary of State 11/01/07 |
| 25/01/06 | <u>Long Lane/Leacroft Avenue, Darcy Lever Bolton – Highway Alteration Necessitated by Private Development (AJK)</u> APPROVED – the proposed alterations to the highway layout at the Long Lane/Leacroft Avenue Junction, Darcy Lever. | Awaiting the completion of the legal agreement. |
| 20/02/06 | <u>Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath 385, Morris Green, Bolton (DW)</u> APPROVED – the diversion of Public Footpath 385 Bolton part. | Negotiations in progress (advertised – objection received) |
| 20/02/06 | <u>Highway Project for Disabled People and Older People – Programme of Works (CJ)</u> | Progress report to |

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| | <p>AGREED – (1) the proposed route approach along the A666 radial route to deliver the aims of the project and support the Code of Practice for the benefit of disabled people and older people; and</p> <p>(2) that a sum of £30,000 be set aside to enable improvements to be made in town centres and other ‘hotspots’ that support local organisations that represent disabled people and older people.</p> | Executive Member scheduled for March 2007. |
| 20/02/06 | <p><u>Highway Project for Disabled People and Older People – Pedestrian Access and Mobility – A Draft Code of Practice (CJ)</u></p> <p>APPROVED – the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Draft Code of Practice.</p> | <p>In progress.</p> <p>The contents of the Code of Practice to be reviewed in November 2006 and amendments reported to Executive Member in spring 2007.</p> |
| 15/03/06 | <p><u>Revenue Funded Defined Highway Structural Maintenance Programme 2006/2007 (BC)</u></p> <p>APPROVED – the various defined structural highway maintenance programmes.</p> | In progress scheduled for completion mid March 2007. |
| 15/03/06 | <p><u>Deakins Park, Bolton – Highway Alterations Necessitated by Private Development (TK)</u></p> <p>APPROVED – in principle the proposed installation of traffic calming features necessitated by the Deakins Park development</p> | <p>Partial approval to be sought Jan 2007.</p> <p>Objection report deferred</p> |

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| | subject to consultation with local residents. | report date not scheduled. |
| 15/03/06 | <u>Churchgate Consultation with Local Businesses (JK)</u> APPROVED – the highway proposals to create a new pedestrian area in Churchgate. | Works completed |
| 15/03/06 | <u>Extension of Time and Supplement to Lists of Landscape Contractors (SR)</u> APPROVED – (1) the retrospective extension to the operation of the list as detailed in Appendix A until April, 2007 or until such time as the Authority's re-alignment process is resolved; | In progress |
| | (2) the retrospective addition of the supplementary list of contractors; (3) the Director of Environmental Services to invite tenders for future landscape projects from the approved lists; and (4) that the list will be updated following external advertising for commencement in April 2007 with subsequent annual review. | |
| 15/03/06 | <u>Central Street Development – Highway Alterations Necessitated by Private Development (AW)</u> APPROVED - the proposal to allow Waterman, Burrow Crooke to carry out the highway design work for the | In progress Report on Street Closures and footpath diversions subject to |

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| | Central Street Development on behalf of Wilson Bowden Limited and upon approval of the design be permitted to arrange for the works to be constructed at the expense of Wilson Bowden Limited. | discussion with developer. |
| 26/04/06 | <p><u>Parks Improvement Work Programme 2006/2007 (MDR)</u></p> <p>APPROVED – the Capital Programme contribution to the 2006/2007 Parks Improvement Programme Work Programme.</p> <p>AUTHORISED – the Director of Environmental Services to invite tenders/quotations as appropriate and make all the necessary arrangements to carry out the works.</p> | Programme development and implementation underway. |
| | REQUESTED – that a further report be submitted giving more detail of the improvements to be achieved once the results of the other funding opportunities are known. | |
| 26/04/06 | <p><u>Markland Hill Bolton Highway Alterations Necessitated by Private Development (TK)</u></p> <p>APPROVED – in principle the proposed installation of highway features on Markland Hill necessitated by the Bloomfield development subject to consultation with local residents utilising an agreement under Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980.</p> | Objection report programmed to be deferred. Programmed for presentation to Executive Member February 2007 |

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| 26/04/06 | <p><u>Moor Lane Public Conveniences (CNB)</u></p> <p>AUTHORISED – the Director of Environmental Services to enter into discussions with the GMPTA on the future of this facility.</p> | <p>Meeting with GMPTA took place 10.7.06. & 24.11.06. Proposals from GMPTA to future Exec Member meeting to be programmed.</p> |
| 20/6/06 | <p><u>Delivery of Cleaner, Greener Communities Element of The Safer Stronger Communities Fund (MT)</u></p> <p>The Executive Member AGREED -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The programme of activity within the Cleaner, Greener Communities element of the SSCF as outlined in paragraph 7 of the report; (ii) The budget within the Cleaner, Greener Communities element of the SSCF as shown in Appendix B to the report; (iii) That the Director of Environmental Services in conjunction with the Director of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to enter an appropriate legal arrangement for the administration of community grant awarding schemes utilising ERDF and SSCF with CVS; | <p>Now being implemented.</p> <p>Now being implemented.</p> <p>Negotiations with CVS ongoing.</p> |

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| | (iv) The Director of Environmental Services to invite tenders/quotations as appropriate and make all necessary arrangements to carry out the capital works outlined in the report; | Now Being Implemented |
| | <p>(v) That further reports be submitted giving more detail of the improvement works to be achieved once the programme has been finalised; and</p> <p>(vi) The budget allocation of £86,879 to support the Youth Offending Team for the financial year, 2006/2007; and</p> <p>NOTED the additional funding from ERDF.</p> | <p>Being programmed as requested.</p> <p>Agreed</p> |
| 8/8/06 | <p><u>Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act update (JS)</u></p> <p>The Executive Member APPROVED -</p> <p>(i) The proposed use of the £100,000 of additional funding, 2006/07, as set out in the report and</p> <p>(ii) That the scale of charges for fixed penalty fines and the feasibility of discounts for early payments be explored further.</p> | <p>Adverts for recruitment in press</p> <p>Ongoing discussions with parking services and their software provider</p> |
| 8/8/06 | <u>Proposed Market Pay Supplements for Traffic Management Staff (JGE)</u> | |

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| | <p>The Executive Member APPROVED – Subject to the Executive Member for Human Resources and Diversity:-</p> <p>(i) The introduction of market supplements for Traffic Management staff, as described in the report; and</p> <p>(ii) That an evaluation report be submitted to the Executive Member in six months time.</p> | <p>Principal Engineer appointed Dec 2006.P</p> <p>Report to be submitted in February 2007.</p> |
| 6/9/06 | <p><u>Temple Road, Bolton - Highway Alterations Necessitated by Private Development (AJK)</u></p> <p>The Executive Member APPROVED -</p> <p>(i) The proposed highway improvements, necessitated by the development at Temple Road, Bolton, as detailed on drawing reference 313012/121, utilising an agreement under Section 278 of the Highways Act, 1980;</p> | <p>Construction of improvements anticipated to commence February 2007.</p> |
| | <p>(ii) The amendment to the Council's standard Section 278 Agreement to allow the implementation of the work using a contractor appointed by Bovis Homes; and</p> <p>(iii) That a further report be submitted to a future meeting on the safety issues for vehicular traffic at the Moss</p> | <p>Report scheduled for presentation to EMES Jan</p> |

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| | Bank Way/Temple Road junction. (AMcC) | 2007.. |
| 6/9/06 | <p><u>Blackburn Road/Birley Street, Bolton - Access to Asda Store – Objections (AJK)</u></p> <p>The Executive Member AGREED -</p> <p>(i) That notwithstanding the comments made in response to the consultation, the proposed junction improvement scheme be implemented; and</p> <p>(ii) That appropriate road markings be installed on Blackburn Road adjacent to Newnham Street to aid vehicles turning right out of Newnham Street on to Blackburn Road.</p> | <p>Advanced works to commence March 2007 (public utilities). Main works to commence April 2007</p> |
| 6/9/06 | <p><u>A6 Salford Road/A579 Newbrook Road - Proposed Junction Improvement (AJK)</u></p> <p>The Executive Member APPROVED -</p> <p>The proposed junction improvement at the A6 Salford Road/A579 Newbrook Road as shown as shown on drawing number 279023/26 in the report.</p> | <p>Construction commenced 15th Jan 2007</p> |
| 26/09/06 | <p><u>Crescent Road, Bolton – Traffic Management Proposals, Objections (AJK)</u></p> | |

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| | <p>The Executive Member APPROVED -</p> <p>That notwithstanding the objections and comments received, the revised traffic management measures be implemented, as now indicated.</p> | <p>. Construction complete.</p> |
| 26/09/06 | <p><u>Tennyson Road/George Street, Farnworth – Proposed Road Safety Improvements, Objections(AJK)</u></p> <p>The Executive Member APPROVED -</p> <p>That, notwithstanding the objections and comments received, the road safety improvements be implemented, as now indicated.</p> | <p>Construction commenced January 8th 2007.</p> |
| 26/09/06 | <p><u>Taxi Scrutiny Panel Findings (Steve Maslivec)</u></p> <p>The Executive Member AGREED -</p> <p>(i) The Taxi Scrutiny Panel's recommendations;</p> <p>(ii) That the issue of an annual test on vehicles less than 12 months old and a 6 monthly test on vehicles more than 12 months old be explored as a possible amendment to the recommendation (4) as set out above;</p> <p>(iii) That in relation to recommendation (6) as set out above, the issue of an appointments procedure for vehicle owners be examined;</p> | |

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| | and | |
| | (iv) That the Adult Services Scrutiny Committee be notified of (i) (ii) and (iii) above. | Adults Scrutiny Committee considered Exec Member decision at its meeting on 10 October. Timetable developed for taking forward. |
| 24/10/06 | <p><u>Skagen Court, Bolton – Highway Alterations Necessitated by Private Development</u></p> <p>The Executive Member APPROVED -</p> <p>The implementation of the proposed highway improvements, necessitated by the Bardsley Construction Ltd development at Skagen Court, Bolton, as indicated on drawing reference 313041/01, utilising an agreement under section 278 of the Highways Act, 1980.</p> | Design in progress. |
| 24/10/06 | <u>Ainsworth Lane/Jethro Street, Bolton – Highway Alterations Necessitated by Private Development (TK)</u> | |

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| | <p>The Executive Member AGREED -</p> <p>(i) In principle the proposed highway improvements in Jethro Street/Ainsworth Lane area, necessitated by the Barratt Manchester development on land adjacent to Jethro Street/Norbreck Street, Bolton, as detailed on drawings 313042/02 at 03, utilising an agreement under section 278 of the Highways Act, 1980;and</p> <p>(ii) That detailed proposals, including the results of consultation with residents, be submitted for final approval to a future meeting.</p> | <p>Design in progress</p> <p>In progress</p> |
| 24/10/06 | <p><u>Seven Acres – Proposed reservoir project by Lancashire Wildlife Trust (MDR)</u></p> <p>The Executive Member APPROVED -</p> <p>(i) A licence to be granted to Lancashire Wildlife Trust to carry out environmental improvements, including some desilting, to the Reservoir at Seven Acres Country Park; and</p> <p>(ii) For discussion with Lancashire Wildlife Trust regarding the potential leasing of the Reservoir to the Trust and to request a further report</p> | <p>Scale of proposed works significantly reduced. Licence not required</p> <p>Discussions ongoing with LWT.</p> |

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| | on this matter. | |
| 14/11/06 | <p><u>Bus Stop Carriageway Markings – Revised Regulations (CH)</u></p> <p>The Executive Member APPROVED, subject to funding being made available from the GMPTE:-</p> <p>(i) The promoting of Bus Stop Clearways and associated markings at all bus stops which currently have a box marking, in accordance with the Consultation and reporting procedures as outlined in this report;</p> | In progress |
| | <p>(ii) The introduction of Clearways on a 24 hour basis other than where the frequency of service is 2 buses or less per hour before 7.30 a.m. or after 6.30 p.m. whereupon the operative hours will be 7.30 a.m. – 6.30 p.m. with a possible exclusion of Sundays where there is no Sunday service; and</p> <p>(iii) The removal of any Clearways and associated markings on routes where a service has been withdrawn.</p> | |
| 14/11/06 | <p><u>Wigan road/Grange Road, Deane – Proposed Puffin Crossing (CH/MH)</u></p> | |

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| | <p>The Executive Member APPROVED -</p> <p>The introduction of a Puffin Crossing immediately to east of Wigan Road/Grange Road junction.</p> | Funding to be sought for 2007/8 |
| 14/11/06 | <p><u>Hall I'th' Wood Housing Estate – Environmental Improvements (CH)</u></p> <p>The Executive Member AGREED –</p> <p>To the implementation of the highway works within the Hall i'th' Wood estate, as described in the report.</p> | Works programmed to commence February 2007 |
| 12/12/06 | <p><u>Highways Capital Programme Review, 2006/07 (TW)</u></p> <p>The Executive Member AGREED –</p> <p>(i) To note the progress and reasons for the changes to the approved Capital Programme for 2006/2007;</p> <p>(ii) To the changes to the 2006/2007 Capital Programme, as outlined in the report including the increase in the scheme estimate for Cunningham Brook Bridge, in accordance with the Authority's Financial Regulations;</p> <p>(iii) That a report be submitted to a future meeting on the possible impact on the</p> | <p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p> |

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| | <p>funding of future Bolton schemes owing to GMPTE overspending on certain projects; and</p> <p>(iii) That the Director of Environmental Services be asked to find out the position regarding how GMPTE funds Transport Development Feasibility Studies.</p> | In progress |
| 12/12/06 | <p><u>Deane Church Lane, Bolton – Proposed Traffic Calming, objections (TB/MH)</u></p> <p>The Executive Member APPROVED -</p> <p>That notwithstanding the objections received from some residents and the Hulton Ward Council Members, in view of the general support expressed by residents in response to the local consultation, the traffic calming scheme referred to be implemented as part of the Highways Capital Programme for 2006/2007, with the addition of a junction plateau at the junction with Roy Street.</p> | Decision to be reviewed by Scrutiny Committee 7 th February 2007 |
| 12/12/06 | <p><u>Permanent and Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders – Review of Fees and Charges (TB/JF)</u></p> <p>The Executive Member AGREED -</p> <p>(i) That the charges for temporary TROs be increased to £1,200 and the charges for</p> | Complete |

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| | <p>permanent TROs be increased to £2,500, with immediate affect; and</p> <p>(ii) That the issue of the cost of future advertising costs in this regard be explored further.</p> | |
| 12/12/06 | <p><u>Car Parking Procurement Strategy (IT)</u></p> <p>The Executive Member AGREED –</p> <p>(i) To apply Standing Order 5 to waive where Standing Orders require tendering;</p> <p>(ii) To appoint Peter Brett Associates to undertake the joint venture project, at a cost of £57,000;</p> <p>(iii) To appoint Peter Brett Associates to carry out project stages A-C with respect to Bath Street Car Park, at a cost of £110,000; and</p> <p>(iv) To the cost of both projects being charged to the Parking Services Capital Account.</p> | |
| 12/12/06 | <p><u>Play Area Strategy Implementation – Phase One (MDR)</u></p> <p>The Executive Member AGREED -</p> <p>(i) The strategic priorities identified for each Area Forum;</p> | Implementation underway |

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| | <p>(ii) The proposed use of Section 106 funds, as identified in Appendix 2 of the report, subject to the deferral of proposals relating to Booths Steel Works/Sunninghill Park for further investigation; and NOTED</p> <p>(iii) The intention to submit further proposals as part of the annual Greenspace Management Capital Programme report in February, 2007.</p> | <p>Implementation underway</p> <p>Report scheduled on forward plan</p> |
| 12/12/06 | <p><u>Vulnerable Persons Transport – Trapeze Vehicle Scheduling Software System Phase 2 Implementation (KR/PB)</u></p> <p>The Executive Member APPROVED -</p> <p>(i) That Trapeze be authorised as the supplier of the MNT units and fitting in accordance with the price scheduling in 3.1 of the report; and</p> <p>(ii) To apply Standing Order 5 to waive where Standing Orders require tendering for the Phase 2 MNT and implementation.</p> | <p>Meeting with Company 17.1.07 regarding installation schedule</p> |
| 12/12/06 | <p><u>Civic Catering Staffing Review and Restructure (EL)</u></p> | |

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| | <p>The Executive Member APPROVED -</p> <p>(i) Subject to the agreement of the Executive Member for Human Resources and Diversity, the establishment of a new Head Chef post, the deletion of the existing Production Manager post and NOTED the cessation of the fixed term Executive Chef post; and</p> <p>(ii) That the Director of Environmental Services be asked to send a letter to all Members of Council setting out the costs of the provision of the Council's refreshments service.</p> | <p>Approved 13.12.06</p> <p>Advertised 09/01/07</p> <p>Closing Date 25/01/07</p> <p>Complete. To be circulated w/c 22.1.07</p> |
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