



**Environment and Urban Renewal Policy  
and Performance Board**

**Wednesday, 20 September 2017 6.30 p.m.  
Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall**

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**Chief Executive**

**BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

Councillor Bill Woolfall (Chair)	Labour
Councillor Mike Fry (Vice-Chair)	Labour
Councillor Valerie Hill	Labour
Councillor Harry Howard	Labour
Councillor Keith Morley	Labour
Councillor Paul Nolan	Labour
Councillor Joe Roberts	Labour
Councillor Pauline Sinnott	Labour
Councillor John Stockton	Labour
Councillor Andrea Wall	Labour
Councillor Geoff Zygadllo	Labour

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*The next meeting of the Board is on Wednesday, 15 November 2017*

**ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH  
IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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**ENVIRONMENT AND URBAN RENEWAL POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARD**

*At a meeting of the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board on Wednesday, 28 June 2017 at the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall*

Present: Councillors Woolfall (Chair), Fry (Vice-Chair), Howard, Morley, Joe Roberts, Sinnott, J. Stockton and Wall

Apologies for Absence: Councillor V. Hill, Nolan and Zygadlo

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: G. Ferguson, I Boyd, A. Cross, J. Farmer, T. Gibbs, S. Johnson Griffiths and W. Rourke

Also in attendance: Councillor G Stockton.

**ITEM DEALT WITH  
UNDER DUTIES  
EXERCISABLE BY THE BOARD**

EUR1 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 having been circulated were signed as a correct record.

EUR2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was confirmed that no public questions had been received.

EUR3 EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

The Board considered the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board relevant to the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board.

Under Executive Board Minutes, EXB102 and EXB130, Councillor Howard queried why members are not given access to this information.

Councillor Howard was advised that Members' rights of access to documents was outlined in the Council Constitution and whilst a Councillor had no right of access to documents of a Committee/Board of which he is not a

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Member, to gain access he has to establish that the information sought was needed to enable him to carry out his duties. Councillor Howard requested that a response be provided from Legal Services as to if the information contained in the Constitution was a legal requirement over which the members/officers had no discretion or was it a legal requirement over which members/officers had discretion.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes be received.

EUR4 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORTS - QUARTER 3 AND 4 2016-17

The Board received a report from the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which presented the Performance Monitoring Reports for Quarter 3 and 4 of 2016/17.

The reports related to the following functional areas which reported to the Board and detailed progress against service objectives and milestones, and performance targets and provided information relating to key developments and emerging issues that had arisen during the period:

- Development and Investment Services;
- Highways and Transportation, Logistics and Development Services;
- Waste and Environmental Improvement and Open Space Services; and
- Housing Strategy.

Arising from the discussion the following matters were raised by Members:

- Could details be provided on the procurement issues as to the delay in the refurbishment of Widnes Market. In response Members were advised that due to the nature of the work it was planned around avoiding the Christmas period. However the successful contractor had since advised that the work could be completed without significant disruption to the Market.
- Page 38 - EEP LI 19. Why have only 44% of funding bids been successful? In response it was noted that a number of high quality bids have been rejected with high competition for funds sited as the reason. Measures were currently being looked at to mitigate this.

- Could further information be provided on the downward trend in waste recycling.
- Which areas in the Borough took part in the Environmental Patrol trial?
- Further information be circulated to all Members on the Council investment at the Croft Public House site detailed in the Capital Project update on page 43 of the agenda
- There appeared to be a high number of agency staff employed within the Housing Solutions department, had job vacancies now been filled. Further information would be provided to Members'.

It was agreed that a response would be provided to Members of the Board to those matters raised.

RESOLVED: That the third and fourth quarter performance monitoring reports be received and noted.

EUR5 PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF BUS SHELTERS AT BUS STOPS LOCATED ON CLIFTON ROAD WITH THE JUNCTION OF MALPAS ROAD

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the request from the public for the installation of bus stops on Clifton Road with the junction of Malpas Road. As a result of the request a period of consultation was undertaken and a subsequent request was submitted for an additional bus shelter. Following the additional request, a further period of consultation was undertaken the results of which were outlined in the report. As a result of a letter sent to 75 properties, 10 responses were received with 4 households objecting to the proposal and 6 in favour.

It was noted that the majority of the objections were due to the fear of the bus shelters attracting anti-social behaviour. Previously bus shelters were in place at this location and it was understood that they were removed due to anti-social behaviour. However, recent evidence gained from Safer Halton Partnership showed that no incidents of anti-social behaviour had been recorded in the immediate vicinity or periphery of the bus stop location. Although one of the objectors had recently called to report anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the bus stops.

On behalf of local residents and other Ward Members, Councillor G Stockton addressed the Board in support of the proposal.

RESOLVED: That the Executive Board be advised that the Board supports the installation of the bus stops on Clifton Road with the junction of Malpas Road.

EUR6 DELIVERY AND ALLOCATIONS LOCAL PLAN (INCORPORATING REVISED CORE STRATEGY POLICIES)

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources which provided an overview of the next key document to be produced in Halton's Local Plan. It also provided an opportunity to view the proposed draft policies to be included within the Revised Core Strategy policies and Delivery and Allocations Local Plan.

The Revised Core Strategy policies and Delivery and Allocations Local Plan would replace and update certain policies in the current Core Strategy and replace the remainder of the saved Unitary Development Plan (UDP) policies. This would help to ensure that the policies could carry full weight in the decision making process for planning applications and appeals.

It was suggested that consideration be given to presenting this information at seminar be held for Members.

RESOLVED: That

1. the content of the report be noted; and
2. any comments or issues identified by the Board in relation to the proposed draft policies to be included within the Revised Core Strategy policies and Delivery and Allocations Local Plan are provided to the Planning and Transport Strategy Team.

EUR7 PRELIMINARY FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT UPDATE

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Community & Resources, which advised that as part of its new duties as a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), the Council must undertake a Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA). This was a high level screening exercise, to determine whether there was a local flood risk within the LLFA boundary based on historic and potential

future flood risk data.

The PFRA was previously agreed by the Board in 2011 and must be reviewed every six years. An updated Preliminary Assessment Report (PAR), along with a Review Self-Assessment Form had been produced and submitted to the Environment Agency (EA). The updated PAR set out how the assessment had been undertaken and provided a robust evidence base to help support the full update of the Flood Risk Assessment Strategy.

The outcome of the first two stages of flood risk assessment review was that no Flood Risk Area (FRA's) was proposed for Halton. As a result the next two stages, the production of Flood Risk Maps and preparation of a Flood Risk Management Plan for FRA's were not triggered.

A Member queried that in the report Halton Brow was mentioned as having been subject to significant flooding, but was not mentioned further. Therefore was work planned to eliminate this regular flooding and will the new road configuration as it passes over Halton Brow leading to the Mersey Gateway Bridge, make this flooding worse, better or have no effect? Also would the work carried out by the Mersey Gateway programme eliminate the risk of flooding at Halton Brow. It was agreed that a written response would be provided.

It was proposed that the Board endorse the report and recommend it to the Executive Board for approval prior to publication by the EA by 22 December 2017.

**RESOLVED:** That the findings of the Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment Review be recommended to Executive Board for approval.

**EUR8 UPDATE ON AIR QUALITY FORUM AND AIR QUALITY ACTIVITY**

The Board considered an update report on the progress of the Air Quality Forum since its first meeting in July 2016. It was noted that the Air Quality Forum membership and independent Chair had been appointed. In addition, terms of reference for the group which included a number of objectives had also been agreed.

With regard to other recommendations which were included in the air quality report, previously adopted by the Executive Board in 2015, it was noted that:

- A methodology for engagement and consultation had been explored and resources were being identified which would enable the engagement work to proceed;
- Whilst the forum would continue to work to identify opportunities for improvements across all sectors, the Council would also continue to develop initiatives across departments and with stakeholders that would contribute to improved air quality across the area; and
- A Joint Needs Assessment for air quality was scheduled in the work plan for the forthcoming year.

In addition, Members received updates on the Council response to the National Air Quality Plan and the work that had taken place around Air Quality Management Areas and the application to the Environment Fund Board for additional air quality monitoring across the Weston Point area.

Arising from the discussion, Members requested clarification on the number of charging points in the Borough for electric vehicles.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

*Meeting ended at 7.40 p.m.*

**REPORT TO:** Environment and Urban Renewal Policy & Performance Board

**DATE:** 20 September 2017

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources

**SUBJECT:** Public Question Time

**WARD(s):** Borough-wide

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider any questions submitted by the Public in accordance with Standing Order 34(9).
- 1.2 Details of any questions received will be circulated at the meeting.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDED: That any questions received be dealt with.**

### **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Standing Order 34(9) states that Public Questions shall be dealt with as follows:-
- (i) A total of 30 minutes will be allocated for dealing with questions from members of the public who are residents of the Borough, to ask questions at meetings of the Policy and Performance Boards.
  - (ii) Members of the public can ask questions on any matter relating to the agenda.
  - (iii) Members of the public can ask questions. Written notice of questions must be given by 4.00 pm on the working day prior to the date of the meeting to the Committee Services Manager. At any one meeting no person/organisation may submit more than one question.
  - (iv) One supplementary question (relating to the original question) may be asked by the questioner, which may or may not be answered at the meeting.
  - (v) The Chair or proper officer may reject a question if it:-
    - Is not about a matter for which the local authority has a responsibility or which affects the Borough;
    - Is defamatory, frivolous, offensive, abusive or racist;

- Is substantially the same as a question which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the past six months; or
  - Requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information.
- (vi) In the interests of natural justice, public questions cannot relate to a planning or licensing application or to any matter which is not dealt with in the public part of a meeting.
- (vii) The Chairperson will ask for people to indicate that they wish to ask a question.
- (viii) **PLEASE NOTE** that the maximum amount of time each questioner will be allowed is 3 minutes.
- (ix) If you do not receive a response at the meeting, a Council Officer will ask for your name and address and make sure that you receive a written response.

Please bear in mind that public question time lasts for a maximum of 30 minutes. To help in making the most of this opportunity to speak:-

- Please keep your questions as concise as possible.
- Please do not repeat or make statements on earlier questions as this reduces the time available for other issues to be raised.
- Please note public question time is not intended for debate – issues raised will be responded to either at the meeting or in writing at a later date.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

None.

#### **5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

None.

#### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children and Young People in Halton** - none.

6.2 **Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton** - none.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton** – none.

6.4 **A Safer Halton** – none.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal** – none.

**7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

7.1 None.

**8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

8.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.

**REPORT TO:** Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Chief Executive

**SUBJECT:** Executive Board Minutes

**WARD(s):** Boroughwide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The Minutes relating to the relevant Portfolio which have been considered by the Executive Board are attached at Appendix 1 for information.
- 1.2 The Minutes are submitted to inform the Policy and Performance Board of decisions taken in their area.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Minutes be noted.**

## **3.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 None.

## **4.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 None.

## **5.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

### **5.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

None

### **5.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

None

### **5.3 A Healthy Halton**

None

### **5.4 A Safer Halton**

None

### **5.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

None

**6.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

6.1 None.

**7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

7.1 None.

**8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

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APPENDIX 1

**Extract of Executive Board Minutes Relevant to the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017**

**TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO**

**EXB4 JOINT INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT SYSTEMS CONTRACT FOR THE LIVERPOOL CITY REGION**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the formation of a Joint Intelligent Transport Systems Contract (ITS) for the Liverpool City Region (LCR).

The Board was advised that, in order to achieve savings and efficiencies in the operation of highways and traffic functions within the LCR, opportunities for joint working were under consideration. The first of these opportunities would be the installation and maintenance of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS). Details of the joint contract provision were set out in the report, and it was noted that it would include an option for the provision of new installations and refurbishment of existing installations other than routine maintenance.

Members noted that it was proposed that Halton would lead on the procurement of the new contract with support from Sefton Borough Council, and be managed under Halton's Procurement Standing Orders. However, the evaluation and award decision would be based on an agreed set of evaluation scores from an evaluation panel made up of representatives from the participating local authorities.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the continuation of current Officer discussions to develop a Joint ITS Contract for the Liverpool City Region be approved, and that, subject to a satisfactory conclusion to these discussions, Halton be party to the tendering process for the award of a new contract, with it leading on the

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procurement exercise;

- 2) subject to a satisfactory tendering process, Halton becomes part of the Joint ITS Contract from 1 April 2018; and
- 3) it be recorded that the expenditure is anticipated to be in excess of £1.0m over 10 years, if the contract utilises all the possible extensions.

EXB5 PASSENGER TRANSPORT CONTRACT TENDERS

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on Passenger Transport Contract Tenders.

The Board was advised that the Council's Transportation Co-ordination section was responsible for a complex range of passenger transport contracts and arrangements for vulnerable children and adults. It was reported that the Passenger Transport Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) was a mechanism for the Council to identify transport providers capable of delivering the specialist nature of transport contracts on its behalf. The DPS process provided a platform to advertise long term and short term contracts over a reduced advertising period.

Members were advised that the DPS process had the potential to attract additional transport suppliers which would enable extra capacity to cope with the volume of contract work which the Council required.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the Passenger Transport Contract Tenders on behalf of designated specialist assessment departments within the People Directorate be acknowledged; and
- 2) the Board support the requirement to tender and procure passenger transport contracts through an electronic DPS process.

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EXB6 TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AND PLANT SPARES & COMPONENTS AND REQUEST TO WAIVE STANDING ORDERS

The Board considered report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on a request to waiver Procurement Standing Orders for the tender and provision of Commercial Vehicle and Plant Spares and Components.

The Board was advised that the Fleet Management and Maintenance department was responsible for the servicing, repair and safe operation of a diverse range of vehicles, plant and machinery. It was noted that the existing contract for the supply of vehicle spares and components would end on 31 July 2017. It was proposed that new contract arrangements would provide for greater level of flexibility, with an anticipated start date of 1 February 2018.

In order to allow a robust procurement process to take place, a waiver of Financial Standing Orders was sought to cover the six month period before the start of the new contract.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the Board note that a procurement process will be entered into with the purpose of securing the supply and management of Commercial Vehicle and Plant Spares and Components for use in the maintenance and repair of the Council's operational vehicle fleet, plant and equipment; and
- 2) the Board approves the waiver of Procurement Standing Orders to the value of £147,000 to cover a six month period from 1 August 2017 to 31 January 2018 under the existing agreement with Carberry Park Bootle Brake and Clutch Limited, as an interim measure, whilst a procurement process referred to in Resolution 1) be entered into.

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**

### **EXB7 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - UPDATE**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which provided an update on the Local Development Scheme

(LDS).

The Board was advised that the LDS was a public statement of Halton Borough Council's three year work programme for production of the Local Plan. It was reported that the process of making Local Plans was lengthy due to the detailed protocols set out in legal acts and regulations.

The LDS, attached at Appendix 2, allowed for a degree of over-programming to ensure that resource capacity was continually engaged such as during periods of public consultation. There were also a number of supporting and process documents which the Council was required to produce, as set out in the report.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the Halton Borough Council Local Development Scheme (LDS) 2017 Revision, as detailed in the Appendix 1 attached to the report, shall have effect from 22 June 2017; and
- 2) any minor drafting amendments to be made to the LDS document (attached at Appendix 2), be agreed by the Operational Director, Policy, Planning and Transportation, in consultation with the Executive Board Member for Physical Environment.

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EXB15 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

The Board considered:

- 1) Whether Members of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting of the Board during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be considered, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972; and

- 2) Whether the disclosure of information was in the public interest, whether any relevant exemptions were applicable and whether, when applying the public interest test and exemptions, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in disclosing the information.

RESOLVED: That as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in disclosing the information, members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

### **PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO**

#### **EXB16 DEVELOPMENT AT EGERTON STREET, RUNCORN**

This item was deferred so that further options for the site could be investigated.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 20 JULY 2017**

### **TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO**

#### **EXB26 AUTHORITY TO PROCEED WITH CARRIAGEWAY RECONFIGURATION WORKS ON THE SILVER JUBILEE BRIDGE USING THE SCAPE FRAMEWORK**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, for the use of the SCAPE framework on the Silver Jubilee Bridge (SJB), to meet future requirements in connection with the Mersey Gateway.

The Board was advised that the Council had an Access Agreement to the SCAPE framework, which was a public sector owned built environment specialist. In June 2016, the Chief Executive had reported to the Board the entering into of a contract with Balvac through the SCAPE framework, for the procurement of the SJB Complex Major Maintenance Programme.

It was noted that major works including re-painting of the SJB arch superstructure and new highway layout had been planned as part of the Mersey Gateway Scheme. A planned closure would take place when the new bridge opened, with the period of works taking twelve months for completion.

Approval was now sought to formalise the contract development process with Balvac.

RESOLVED: That the use of the SCAPE framework for development of the carriageway reconfiguration scheme for the SJB to Project Order stage, be approved.

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EXB27 WARRINGTON WESTERN LINK

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the consultation process regarding the Warrington Western Link project.

The Board was advised that Warrington Borough Council (WBC) had been awarded funding by the Department for Transport (DfT) to develop an outline business case for the Warrington Western Link proposal. A number of public consultation events were being held until 28 July 2017. Following this, a preferred route option would be included in the business case and submitted to the DfT for consideration.

It was reported that, subject to funding and the necessary planning consent, construction of the new road could commence in the early 2020's. It was expected that during the consultation period, further details would become available regarding the different route options and once this information was available, the Council would be able to give a thorough response to the consultation.

RESOLVED: That the Board notes the correspondence from Warrington Borough Council (WBC) and delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio holder for Transportation, to respond to the WBC Scheme consultation on behalf of the Council.

EXB28 PRELIMINARY FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT UPDATE

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment Update.

The Board was advised that, as part of its new duties as a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), the Council must undertake a Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA). This was a high level screening exercise, to determine whether there was a local flood risk within the LLFA boundary, based on historic and potential future flood risk data.

The PFRA was previously agreed by the Board in 2011 and must be reviewed every six years. An updated Preliminary Assessment Report (PAR), along with a Review Self-Assessment Form had been produced and submitted to the Environment Agency (EA). The updated PAR set out how the assessment had been undertaken and provided a robust evidence base to help support the full update of the Flood Risk Assessment Strategy.

The outcome of the first two stages of the flood risk assessment review was that no Flood Risk Area (FRA) was proposed for Halton. As a result, the production of Flood Risk Maps and preparation of a Flood Risk Management Plan for FRA were not triggered.

The Board was asked to approve the findings prior to publication by the EA by 22 December 2017.

RESOLVED: That the findings of the Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment Review be noted and approved.

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## **PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO**

### **EXB29 SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS**

The Board considered a report of the Chief Executive, which provided an update on the Syrian Resettlement Programme within Halton.

In February 2016, the Board agreed to support the Government's request to engage with the Dispersal Programme for Asylum Seekers and the Syrian Resettlement Programme for refugees.

As part of the Liverpool City Region commitment, Halton had agreed to accept 100 individuals, providing support over a five year period. It was reported that Refugee

Action (RA) had been commissioned to deliver dedicated support which was a requirement of the Home Office funding arrangements. The Board was advised that, whilst RA staff had a wealth of experience with this client group, Officers felt that an alternative approach may offer greater support to those refugees located in Halton.

The report set out a proposal to terminate the existing contract with RA, giving the required period of notice, and to then extend the existing Supporting People contract with Plus Dane Shap to support the existing families within the Borough.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the contents of the report be noted;
- 2) the Board supports the Chief Executive's use of Delegated Powers for an early termination of the support contract currently delivered by Refugee Action within the Liverpool City Council service specification; and
- 3) the Board supports the use of a waiver of Procurement Standing Orders to allow the Council to extend/amend the existing Supporting People contract with Plus Dane Shap to provide ongoing support to Syrian Refugees in accordance with Home Office funding requirements.

Chief Executive

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Environment And Urban Renewal Policy Performance Board
<b>DATE:</b>	20th September 2017
<b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	Strategic Director, Enterprise, Communities and Resources
<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>	Physical Environment
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Presentation Mersey Gateway Regeneration Plan (Plus)
<b>WARD(S)</b>	Borough-wide

#### 1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To receive a presentation from the Operational Director, Economy, Enterprise and Property regarding the Mersey Gateway Regeneration Plan (Plus) document.

- 2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That the Board notes the presentation and welcomes the positive progress being made to promote regeneration in the borough following completion of the Mersey Gateway Bridge.**

#### 3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 A document has been prepared which identifies a number of Key Impact Areas and Regeneration Opportunities which arise following the completion of the Mersey Gateway
- 3.2 It is anticipated that the Operational Director will update Members on future priorities and potential areas for action.

#### 4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no further policy implications.

#### 5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 N/A

#### 6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

- 6.1 The document links to a number of Council's priorities. From an environment and urban renewal perspective, the document will serve to highlight a number of site specific opportunities which it is

envisaged will attract inward investors and businesses to the borough.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 There are no risks identified.

8.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None within the meaning of the Act.

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Environment and Urban Renewal Policy Performance Board
<b>DATE:</b>	20th September 2017
<b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	Strategic Director, Enterprise, Communities and Resources
<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>	Physical Environment
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Presentation on Sci-Tech Daresbury
<b>WARD(S)</b>	Borough-wide

1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To receive a presentation from the lead Regeneration Officer for Sci-Tech Daresbury regarding existing and proposed developments at Sci-Tech Daresbury

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION:** That the board notes the presentation and acknowledges the wider role Sci-Tech Daresbury plays in giving Halton a competitive edge when attracting and retaining businesses in the borough.

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The Regeneration Officer will provide an overview of the Sci-Tech Daresbury Enterprise Zone, outlining achievements to date and details regarding an emerging Master Plan for the area.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no further policy implications.

5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 N/A

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 The document links to a number of Council's priorities. From an environment and urban renewal perspective, the document will serve to highlight a number of site specific opportunities which it is envisaged will attract inward investors and businesses to the borough.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 There are no risks identified.

8.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF  
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None within the meaning of the Act.

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Environment and Urban Renewal Policy Performance Board (PPB)
<b>DATE:</b>	20 September 2017
<b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	Strategic Director, Enterprise, Communities and Resources
<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>	Transportation
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Review of Primary Gritting Routes for marginal nights.
<b>WARDS:</b>	All

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 This report seeks the support of the PPB for the introduction of a 'Cold Route' for 'marginal nights' i.e. nights when the temperature is 1-2 degrees above or below freezing. It sets out proposals for the rationalisation of the existing primary gritting routes as a result of the updating of Halton's thermal map for highways.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board supports the proposed introduction of a Cold Route to the winter gritting routes for marginal nights and the rationalisation of primary gritting route.**

## **3.0 BACKGROUND AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 In common with all other Highway Authorities Halton has an obligation to keep its highways open in periods of severe weather. It must act in a responsible manner and only provide resources in line with the levels of budget available to it. Legislation defines that duty as "ensuring so far as is reasonably practicable that safe passage along a highway is not endangered by snow or ice".

3.3 Halton delivers a winter service that is innovative and effective in treating the network. The operational aspects of the service meet both legislative demands and also the requirements and obligations of the Code of Practice for Well Managed Highways.

3.2 A thermal mapping exercise has recently been undertaken for all the primary routes on the highway network and has provided information which identifies cold spots on both side of the river. Thermal mapping of the network provides information on road surface temperatures in relation to the weather forecasting station on A56 in Daresbury. Cold spots occur due to local conditions and varying road construction types.

3.3 The information from the thermal map has been used to optimise current routes and has enabled a Cold Route to be identified. The Cold Route

consists of roads throughout the network which will be at zero or colder when the weather forecast is predicting road surface temperatures to be at +1C at the forecast site situated on the A56 in Daresbury. This Cold Route is considerably shorter than the primary gritting route which would normally be gritted on these marginal nights, thus enabling savings in time, salt and fuel costs.

- 3.4 At present gritting operations are undertaken on all routes on marginal nights, treating 303km of road infrastructure. Using data obtained from the thermal mapping exercise, this could be reduced to 117 km, thereby reducing the number of gritting vehicles from 5 to 2, reducing the amount of roads gritted by 188 km per night and a salt saving of 13 ton per operation. This equates to a revenue saving of approximately £8,500 per year. Records from previous years have indicated that on average, there have been 10 occasions when the Cold Route could have been utilised instead of the complete primary route.
- 3.5 In addition to the introduction of a Cold Route for marginal nights, it is proposed to treat the following roads on the Secondary Route in accordance with the Winter Service Plan during periods of severe prolonged weather.
- (Widnes) Foundry Lane - Broughton Way – Pickerings Road - Mersey View Road.
  - (Runcorn) Keckwick lane – Arkwright Road – Brindley Road – Goddard Road – Edison Road – Hardwick Road.
- 3.6 The changes will demonstrate the Council's determination to deliver improved winter maintenance services and to address the marginal nights over the winter periods.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Council has a duty to provide a properly planned and resourced service. Failure to provide such would breach this duty and place the Council liable to legal sanction.

#### **5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

##### **5.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

Winter Maintenance operations affected all service users alike. There are no specific issues applicable to children and young people.

##### **5.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

Access to areas of employment ensures that business can function at all times. Winter maintenance is vital in ensuring that business and places of learning are not restricted by the weather conditions

### **5.3 A Safer Halton**

Whilst the Council cannot undertake to protect all road users the procedures and measures in place demonstrate that careful planning can minimize risk.

### **5.4 Halton's Urban Renewal**

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### **5.5 Sustainability**

Minimize the number of treatments undertaken and thus reduce salt pollution of water courses and drainage systems.

### **5.6 Legal Implications**

The development and application of the Winter Maintenance Plan ensures that Halton continues to meet its legal obligations.

### **5.8 Social Inclusion**

Reducing Winter Maintenance operations on marginal nights will have no effect on access to motor vehicles or journey times.

### **5.9 Crime and Disorder**

There are no specific implications.

## **6.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

6.1 Failure to meet our legal obligations would expose the Council to considerable financial risk from litigation.

6.2 This operation ensures as far as practicable, the safety of the public and reduces potential damage to infrastructure and property.

## **7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

There are no equality and diversity implications.

## **8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

Halton Borough Council Highway Maintenance Strategy Document, 1998

Highways Act 1980

Railways and Transport Act 2003

Well Managed Highways 2016 - The Code of Practice

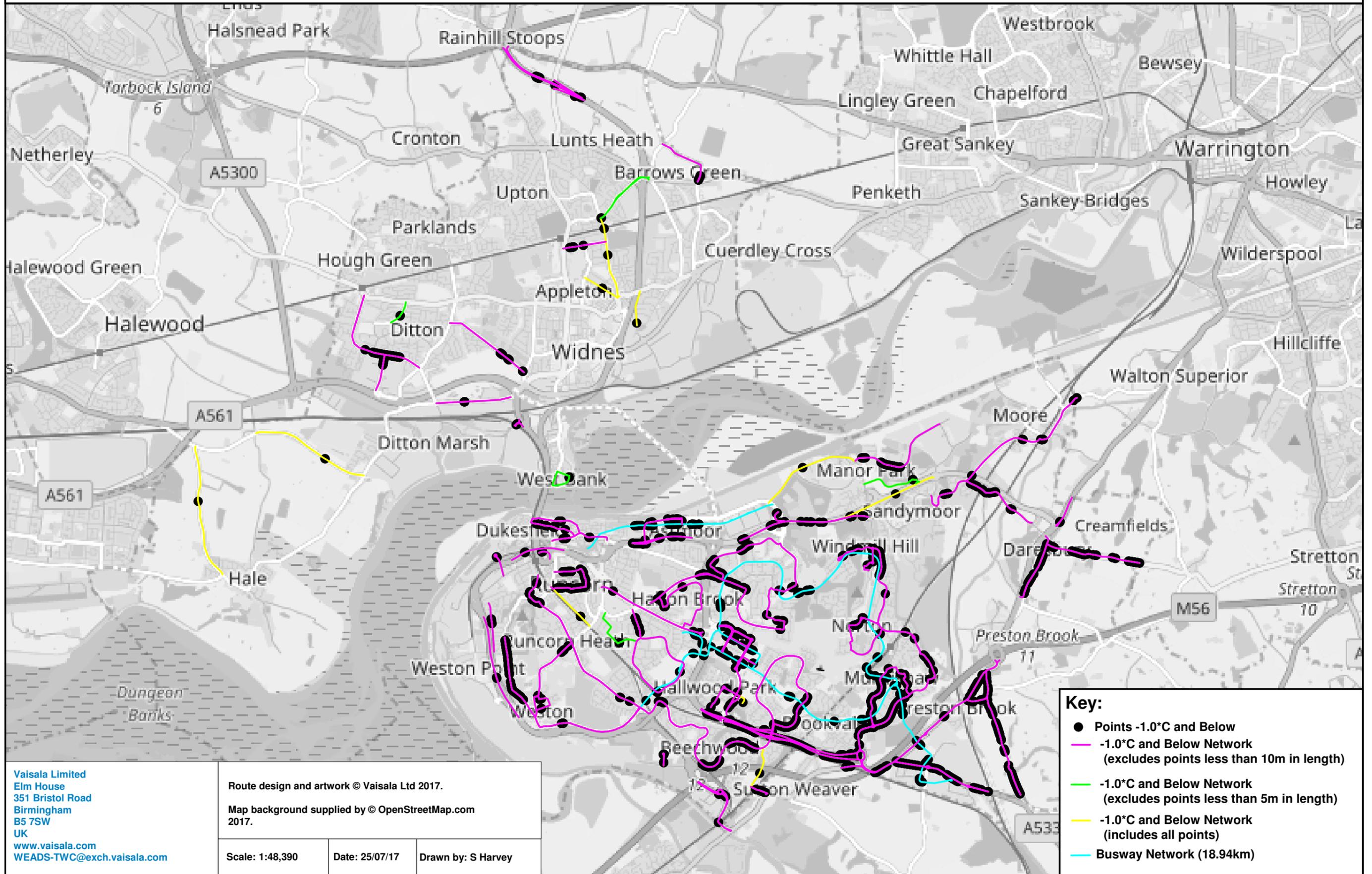
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# HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL: POTENTIAL COLD NETWORK (JULY 2017)

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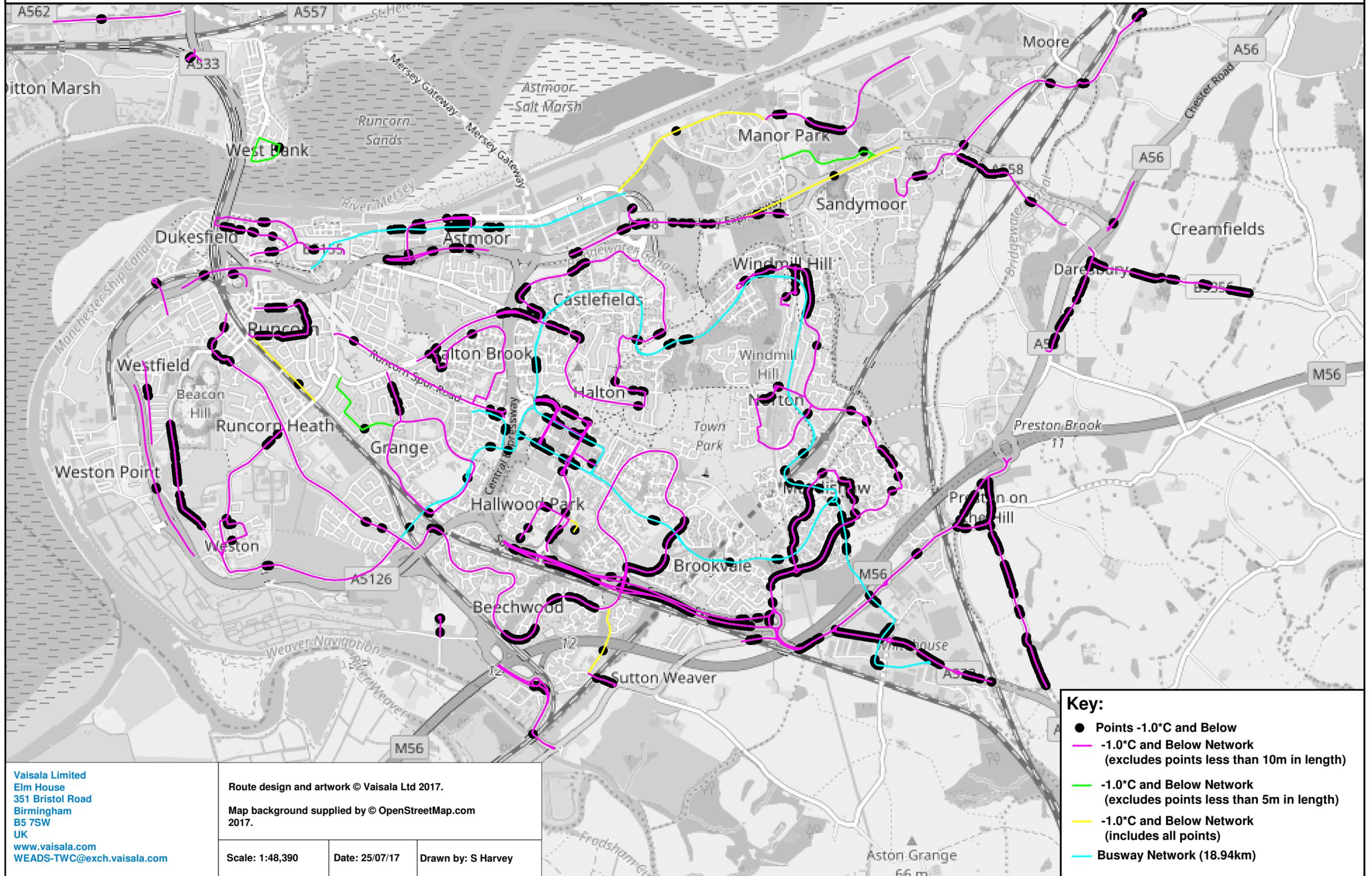
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- Busway Network (18.94km)

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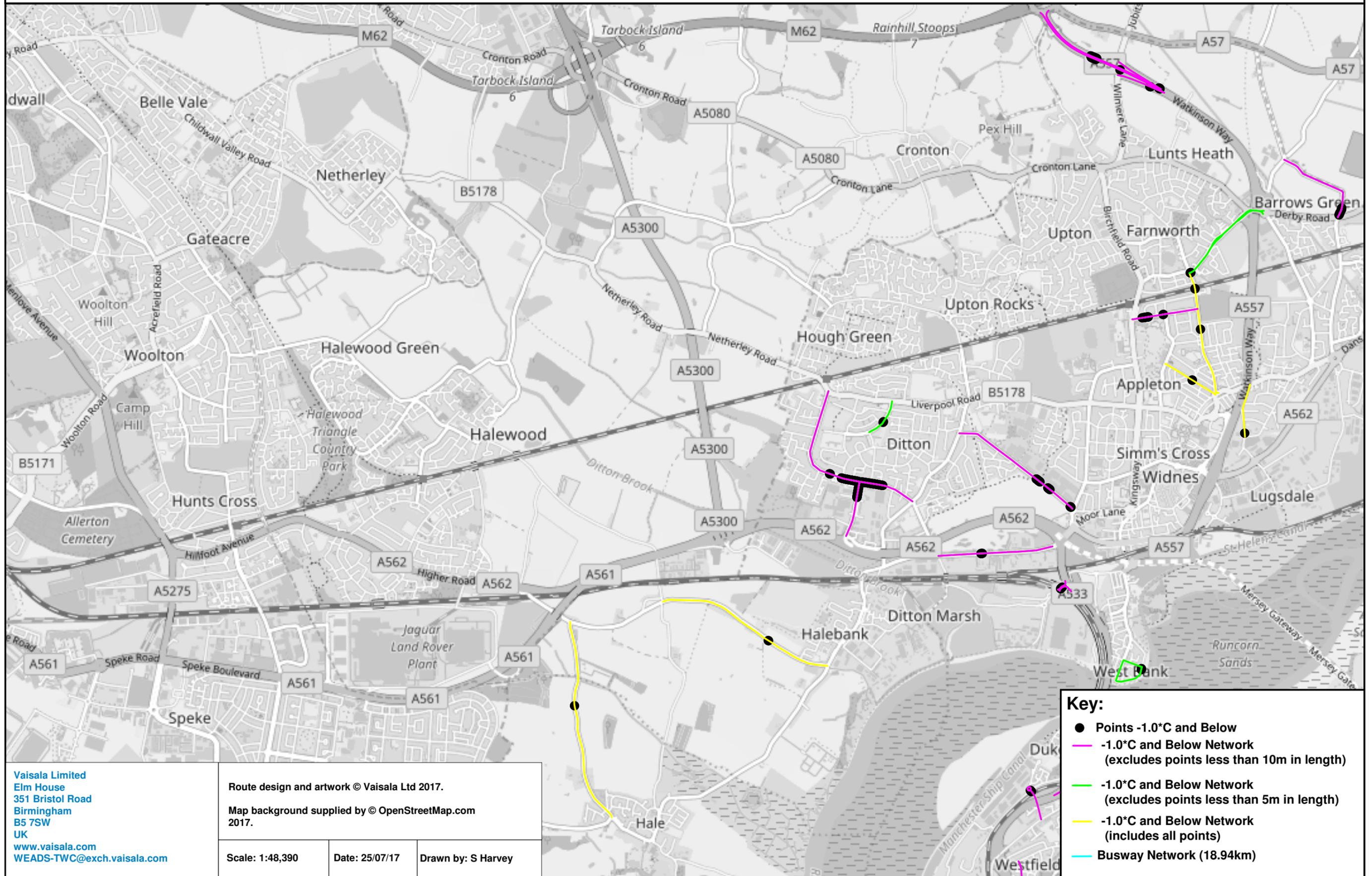
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