

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

23rd February 2017

TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

EXB100 M56 NEW JUNCTION 11A PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the proposed new Junction 11a on the M56, and on the Council's response to Highways England.

The Board was advised that in Autumn 2014, the Government had announced the creation of a new road junction between Junctions 11 and 12 on the M56, to create an improved link to the new Mersey Gateway Bridge from the south. This would provide a number of local and regional benefits, as set out in the report.

The consultation process, which ended on 27 February 2017, set out two 'Eastern' options, both of which would provide a significant improvement to regional and local journey times. It was reported that currently, Junction 12 of the M56 suffered from capacity problems. The implementation of a new Junction 11a would offer significant benefits in alleviating existing congestion issues, and would be seen as a positive and integral step towards the implementation of an improved and successful transport network.

RESOLVED: That the Council respond to the Highways England consultation, expressing support for Junction 11a, with a preference for Option B (signalised junction), giving reasons for these views.

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EXB101 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 the public interest 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 Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A 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

EXB102 UPDATE ON THE MURDISHAW AVENUE DEVELOPMENT SITE

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which provided an update on the proposals for the disposal of the development site at Murdishaw Avenue, Runcorn.

It was reported that the sale of the land would generate investment in the area with enhanced leisure and recreational facilities.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the sale of approximately 4 acres of land to the company and for the value named in the recommendation, with a contribution towards highways improvements and a new clubhouse and improvements to Halton Sports facilities, subject to contract, be approved; and
- 2) the Operational Director, Economy, Enterprise and Property, be authorised to arrange for all required documentation to be completed to the satisfaction of the Operational Director, Legal and Democratic Services.

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16th March 2017

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EXB109 MERSEY GATEWAY BRIDGE PROJECT - PROGRESS UPDATE

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which provided an update on progress with the Mersey Gateway Bridge Project (the Project) and the performance of the Mersey Gateway Crossings Board Limited (the MGCB) for the period July to December 2016.

The Board was advised that the MGCB was a special purpose vehicle, established by Halton Borough Council, with delegated authority to deliver the Mersey Gateway Bridge project, and to administer and oversee the construction, maintenance and tolling of the new tolled crossings, which included the tolling of the Silver Jubilee Bridge.

The MGCB were commissioned to deliver the Project on behalf of the Council and operate as a commercial, not for profit organisation, on an arm's length basis.

It was reported that the MGCB worked closely with Merseylink (MER) on a day to day basis to ensure all aspects of their policies were adhered to, which ranged from PR and Communications, Environment, Traffic Management and Local Employment and Skills.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) progress with the Project, as set out in the report, be noted; and
- 2) performance of the MGCB Ltd in monitoring the Project Company's (MER) performance, as set out in the report, be noted.

EXB110 PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS AROUND RUNCORN HILL

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the proposed introduction of waiting restrictions around Runcorn

Hill.

It was noted that the report had been considered by the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board (PPB) at its meeting on 8 February 2017. The PPB supported the recommendation to make the Order in order to address parking congestion in the Runcorn Hill area. It also agreed that options be explored to assist the Runcorn and District Scale Model Boats Group with their parking concerns.

The Board was advised that, following recent improvements to Runcorn Hill Park, several complaints had been received regarding problems caused by parked vehicles, detailed in Appendix A, from residents living in adjacent roads. The proposed waiting restrictions were the subject of formal public consultation in September 2016 and a summary of the fifteen objections received as a result were detailed in Appendix D. The report contained a summary of the Officer responses to the objections raised.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the proposal to make a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce "At Any Time" waiting restrictions on parts of Park Road, Highlands Road, Campbell Avenue and Heath Park Grove in Runcorn, as shown in Appendix B and defined in Appendix C be approved; and
- 2) the objectors be informed of the decision.

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EXB111 HIGHWAYS ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which sought approval of Part 2 of the Highways Asset Management Plan (HAMP).

The Board had previously approved Part 1 Chapters 1-4 of the HAMP at its meeting on 7 April 2016. Part 2 had been considered and endorsed by the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board at its meeting on 8 February 2017. It was noted that approval of the HAMP would serve as the foundation for other detailed plans and strategies based on the principles and objectives

of the HAMP.

RESOLVED: That the Highways Asset Management Plan be approved.

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EXB112 AUTHORISATION TO PROCEED WITH MAINTENANCE WORKS ON THE SILVER JUBILEE BRIDGE IN 2017/18 USING THE SCAPE FRAMEWORK

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which sought approval for maintenance works on the Silver Jubilee Bridge (SJB) in 2017/18.

The Board was advised that the Council had an Access Agreement to the SCAPE Civil Engineering and Infrastructure framework, for the procurement of the Liverpool City Region SJB Complex and Major Maintenance Programme. It was noted that the SJB required a continual programme of works to maintain it in a steady state condition and fully operational. Details of the planned works were set out in the report for Members' consideration.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the issue of an Order under the SCAPE framework for Balvac to undertake the steel arch superstructure painting scheme for the Silver Jubilee Bridge, be approved; and
- 2) the issue of an Order under the SCAPE framework for Balvac to undertake a painting scheme for the steelwork between the Runcorn Trestle and "node Y5", be approved.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

EXB113 FIXED PENALTY NOTICES FOR FLY TIPPING OFFENCES

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on new powers to enable the Council to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for fly tipping offences.

The Board was advised that amendments to the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, had given local authorities additional powers to tackle environmental crime by using Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for fly tipping.

It was reported that currently, fly tipping offences were dealt with by prosecution only, which involved the production of detailed investigative reporting and attendance at court to give evidence. Securing a prosecution therefore, was a relatively costly and resource intensive process. The ability to use FPNs provided the opportunity to deal with incidents in a more efficient, cost-effective and proportionate manner. Members were advised that setting a high penalty amount would also ensure that FPNs could act as a deterrent to offenders, with an expected decrease in the number of fly tipping incidents as a result.

It was noted that the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board Waste Working Party had scrutinised the matter of set fly-tipping FPN levels. Examples of the amounts set by neighbouring local authorities for FPNs and any discounts applied for early payment were set out in the report. It was recommended that Halton set its FPN at the maximum amount of £400, with a discounted amount offered if paid within ten days.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the Council's approach to dealing with fly-tipping, as set out in the report, be endorsed; and
- 2) the Council's Fixed Penalty Notice level for fly-tipping offences be set at £400 and reduced to £300 if paid within ten days.

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20th April 2017

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EXB127 STREET LIGHTING ENERGY PROCUREMENT

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on Street Lighting Energy Procurement.

The Board was advised that Halton used Utilities Procurement Group (UPG), an energy procurement specialist for the public sector, for the purchase of its un-metered electricity supply. As the energy market was often volatile, it was noted that UPG used their knowledge of the market to determine the best time to seek tenders.

It was reported that the Council's current contract with British Gas expired on 31 March 2017. UPG invited tenders on the Council's behalf, the details of which were set out in the report. It was further noted that the Street Lighting Energy contract had to be accepted within very short timescales, which required the waiver of Procurement Standing Orders. The Board noted the action taken by the Strategic Director in accepting the offer of supply from Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE). This action had also been reviewed by Internal Audit.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the new supply contract for un-metered electricity with Scottish and Southern Energy be endorsed;
- 2) the Board endorse the waiving of Procurement Standing Orders 2.2 to 2.11 for the purchase of un-metered electricity;
- 3) it be recorded that the expenditure was anticipated to be in excess of £1.0m per annum; and
- 4) Utilities Procurement Group (UPG) continue to be used to manage our street lighting energy provision.

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EXB129 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972; and

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.

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EXB130 SURFACE TREATMENT TERM MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which sought approval to award a tender for the Surface Treatment Term Maintenance Contract 2017/27.

The Board was reminded that at its meeting on 15 September 2016, permission had been granted to proceed with the procurement of a new Surface Treatment Term Maintenance Contract.

The report set out the details of the tender process which had been undertaken for Members' consideration.

RESOLVED: That the Board accept the tender of Road Maintenance Services Ltd for the Surface Treatment Term Maintenance Contract 2017/27.

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