

REPORT TO: Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 16 June 2010

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Environment & Economy

SUBJECT: Nominations of Members to the Consultation Review Panel

WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the Report is to seek approval to the Chair and Vice Chair being confirmed as the two members who represent the Board on the Consultation Review Panel.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Chair and Vice Chair of the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board, sit on the Consultation Review Panel as may be required from time to time.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 At the start of each Municipal Year, it is necessary to nominate two Members to sit as the Board's representatives on any Consultation Review Panel (CRP) that may be convened during the year. Historically, these members have been the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board.

3.2 The purpose of the CRP is to review responses to highway, traffic and transportation scheme public consultations, where it has not been possible to address all concerns and resolve objections to the scheme proposals. The CRP will advise the Operational Director Highways Transportation and Logistics who in consultation with the Executive Board Member for Transportation shall decide upon the final scheme proposals.

3.3 The CRP for a particular scheme may comprise:

- Two members of the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board;
- All Ward Councillors for the wards, within which the scheme is proposed to be implemented;
- Representatives of Cheshire Police (and other Emergency Services if relevant);
- Relevant council officers;

Individual residents or businesses would not normally be invited onto the panel, but representatives could be invited from established residents' or traders' associations that clearly reflect the wider views of the community.

The CRP will be chaired by a Member of the Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board.

3.4 The Board is asked to support these nominations.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no policy implications

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Highway, traffic and transportation improvement schemes are often developed under the Local transport Plan implementation programme in support of the shared priorities within the Plan.

5.2 A Healthy Halton

Schemes will often include measures to reduce reliance on the car and promote more healthy transport options such as walking and cycling. The Panel will from time to time be required to review such measures that have been included within an overall scheme design package.

5.3 A Safer Halton

Schemes will often include measures to improve safety of the road user which may impact upon individual resident's property or their own use of the highway. The Panel will from time to time be required to review such measures that have been included within an overall scheme design package.

5.4 Halton's Urban Renewal

Schemes will often include proposals designed to regenerate and improve the public open space both within and adjacent to the highway. Improving access in and around the Borough by sustainable forms of transport including public transport, walking and cycling is widely acknowledged as playing a key role in sustainable regeneration and urban renewal. The Panel will from time to time be required to review such measures that have been included within an overall scheme design package.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 There are no implications for the Council's Priorities.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 There are no risks associated with the report.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 There are no Equality and Diversity Issues.

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

There are no Background Papers within the meaning of the Act