

APPENDIX 1

Extract of Executive Board, Executive Board Sub Committee and Executive (Transmodal Implementation) Sub Board Minutes Relevant to the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 9TH SEPTEMBER 2010

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO

EXB36 BOROUGH OF HALTON (ASHLEY PARK RETAIL CENTRE, WIDNES) CPO 2010

The Board received a report of the Chief Executive which sought authorisation to make the Borough of Halton (Ashley Park Retail Centre, Widnes) Compulsory Purchase Order 2010 under Section 226 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Section 13 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981.

Members were advised that planning permission had been approved for the re-development of this prominent site with a proposed new foodstore and petrol filling station. The scheme was in accordance with national planning policy for town centres and the planning permission complied with the emerging town centre strategy.

RESOLVED: That the Board, subject to the prior completion of an appropriate indemnity agreement with the Developer,

- 1 make the Borough of Halton (Ashley Park Retail Centre Widnes) Compulsory Purchase Order 2010 ("the Order") under Section 226(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Section 13 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 for the acquisition of all interests in the Order Land and the acquisition of new rights within the Order Land;
- 2 the Order Land shall (subject as provided otherwise in this resolution) comprise the areas shown coloured pink and blue respectively on the plan attached for the

purpose of redevelopment of the Ashley Park Retail Centre comprising of demolition of existing buildings, construction of new retail unit together with associated provision for access, servicing, parking and landscaping;

3 delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director Environment and Economy (whether acting personally or through any other person nominated by him) to:

Strategic Director
- Environment
and Economy

- (i) Take all necessary steps as soon as is reasonably practical to finalise the Order map and schedule, (including the exercise of powers of requisition) secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the Order including the publication and service of all notices and the presentation of the Council's case at any Public Inquiry;
- (ii) Negotiate to acquire and acquire all interests in the Order Land and new rights within the Order Land either by agreement or compulsorily including prior to the making of the Order and where appropriate to agree terms for relocation;
- (iii) To reduce (but not increase) the area of the Order Land and/or any interests therein should the said negotiations make the inclusion of such land and/or such interests unnecessary;
- (iv) Make arrangements for the relocation of owners and occupiers, where appropriate;
- (v) Approve agreements with the owners of any interest in the Order Land and any objectors to the confirmation of the Order setting out the terms for the withdrawal of objections to the Order including, where appropriate, seeking inclusion in and/or exclusion from the Order of land or new rights
- (vi) In the event that a question of

compensation be referred to the Lands Tribunal to take all necessary steps in relation thereto including advising on the appropriate compensation payable and to appoint appropriate consultants if necessary to assist and advise in this regard.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO

EXB39 MERSEYSIDE JOINT WASTE DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT - PREFERRED OPTIONS: INTERIM FEEDBACK REPORT

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director, Environment and Economy that advised Members of the outcome of the consultation exercise and the feedback on the Merseyside Joint Waste Development Plan Document – Preferred Options.

The Waste Development Plan was being produced by Merseyside Environmental Advisory Services (MEAS) on behalf of the six greater Merseyside districts. The Preferred Options consultation exercise took place over a six week period during May to July 2010. A draft report, attached at Appendix A, explained the full extent of the exercise and provided some analysis of the results process. In the total Merseyside wide exercise, 139 responses were submitted, 64 of which were from organisations rather than individuals and a number of petitions were submitted relating to specific site allocations.

Members were advised that within Halton three sites had been identified for possible future waste related uses; these were:

- Ditton Sidings, Newstead Road (Widnes)
- Johnsons Lane (Widnes)
- Manor Park Road Waste Water Treatment Works (Runcorn)

The draft report detailed the number of submissions made and petitions received.

During consideration of the report, Members

discussed the location and site characteristics of the Ditton Sidings site and concluded that this site was not suitable for the uses proposed.

RESOLVED: That

1. the draft findings be noted;
2. a further report be brought to the Board once the MEAS full analysis of the consultation exercise had been completed; and
3. MEAS be advised that it was not considered that the site at Ditton Sidings was suitable for the uses proposed in the Waste DPD, and that a further report be presented to the Executive Board at the conclusion of the consultation process to enable a formal decision to be made by the Council.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 23RD SEPTEMBER 2010

HEALTH AND ADULTS PORTFOLIO AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO

EXB46 REVIEW OF HALTON HOUSING TRUST BOARD COMPOSITION

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director, Adults and Community, seeking agreement to a proposal from Halton Housing Trust (HHT) to reduce the membership of the HHT Board from 15 to 12 members, including a reduction in tenant and Local Authority Member representation.

The HHT Board recently asked a working group to review governance arrangements in terms of Board membership and a range of options were present for their consideration on 1 July 2010. In coming to a decision, the Trust had taken into account good practice guidance from the National Housing Federation and Department for Communities and Local Government which suggested Board size should be between 5 and 12. The appendix attached to the report also showed the findings of a survey of 32 stock transfer Housing Associations which showed the

size and composition of the Board in each organisation and how long both had existed.

Members were reminded that, under the housing transfer agreement, the authority's consent was required for any changes in so far as they relate to local authority or tenant representation. The Trust's Board wished to reduce the Board size to 12, with 4 local authority nominees, 4 tenant members and 4 independent members.

RESOLVED: That Halton Housing Trust's proposal to reduce its Board from 15 to 12 members, comprising 4 local authority nominees, 4 tenant members and 4 independent members be approved.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO

EXB47 BARRIERS TO WORK SCRUTINY TOPIC GROUP

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director, Environment and Economy on the findings and recommendations of the Barriers to Work Scrutiny Topic Group, as submitted to the Employment, Learning, Skills and Community Policy and Performance Board in June 2010. Councillor Sue Edge, Chairman of the Employment, Learning, Skills and Community Policy and Performance Board attended the meeting to present the report

The Scrutiny Topic Group was established to analyse the results of research undertaken by Merseyside Information Service which was detailed in Appendix 1. The Group met on seven occasions between October 2008 and March 2010 to develop appropriate recommendations for local employment initiatives, training and skills programmes and business start-up services could be re-focussed to address the perceived barriers to employment, identified by residents in the neighbourhood management areas.

The report contained a list of key recommendations.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Edge for her attendance.

RESOLVED: That where resources allow, the key recommendations proposed by the Employment, Learning, Skills and Community Policy and Performance Board, as detailed in Paragraphs 4.1 to 4.14 of the report be approved.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY PORTFOLIO

EXB48 HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES - VEHICLE PERMIT SCHEME & ACCESS POLICY

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director, Environment and Economy which sought approval for an Access Policy and the implementation of a Vehicle Permit Scheme for the Council's two Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs).

The Board were advised that the Council had a statutory duty to provide places where residents may deposit their own household waste free of charge, under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. As the sites were not to be used for trade waste, the Council needed to have measures in place to deter and prevent commercial businesses depositing waste at HWRCs. The introduction of a Vehicle Permit Scheme would prevent commercial or industrial (trade) waste from being deposited at the Council's HWRCs.

Members were reminded that the proposed scheme accorded with Halton's current Municipal Waste Management Strategy, which contained a commitment to further improve controls for trade waste at HWRCs, and that the current contractor, Veolia Environmental Services, was required to comply with and implement the Scheme under conditions of the current contract.

The report provided information on how the permit scheme would work, the types of permit (annual or temporary), administration of the scheme, site controls, advice for residents and traders on the new arrangements and details of how the Scheme would be implemented once approved.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the implementation of a Vehicle Permit Scheme, as outlined in the report, for the two Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) in Halton be approved;
- (2) the Household Waste Recycling Centre Access Policy, attached as Appendix 2 to the

report, be approved; and

- (3) the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy be authorised, in consultation with the Executive Board Member for Environmental Sustainability, to take all steps necessary to implement the Scheme in Halton.

EXB49 WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY REVIEW

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director, Environment and Economy which updated Members on the current position of Halton's Waste Management Strategy.

The current Waste Management Strategy was published in 2008, and was an update of a previous document, and the updating was carried out with Defra direct consultancy support funding. A local consultation exercise was carried out as part of the review and updating process. A number of supplementary documents were produced, including a Waste Action Plan which set out Halton's actions to meet the objectives and targets contained within the Strategy. In addition, a sustainability appraisal of the Strategy was also completed.

The Board were advised that it had been intended to carry out a full review of the Council's Municipal Waste Management Strategy in 2010. However, it was not considered necessary for a full review to be conducted at this stage, and the report provided details of the relevant factors for Members' consideration. Members noted that the proposal to defer the review took into account current guidance published in December 2009 by the Defra Waste Programme. As there had been no significant change in local circumstances, policy or priorities, the Councils' current Strategy remained fit for purpose.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the deferral of a planned full review of Halton's Municipal Waste Management Strategy be approved for a period of up to a further two years;
- (2) the updating of associated supplementary documents, including the Councils Waste Action Plan, to ensure that documents remain

up to date and fit for purpose be approved; and

- (3) further reports be submitted once the supplementary documents have been updated and the outcomes of relevant waste policy reviews are known.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO

EXB50 DARESURY SCIENCE & INNOVATION CAMPUS (DSIC) - JOINT VENTURE PARTNERSHIP BOARD NOMINEES

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director, Environment and Economy on the Joint Venture Partnership Board nominees.

In June 2009, authority was given for the Chief Executive to take all necessary steps to establish a Joint Venture Partnership at Daresbury. As part of the Operational arrangements for the new partnership, two boards had been established; a Joint Venture Board and a Public Sector Joint Venture Board.

The Board were advised that the Chief Executive had lead negotiations on behalf of the Borough Council which lead to the establishment of the Joint Venture Partnership. The report outlined the vision for the Daresbury Science and Innovation Campus as well as the policy implications for Members' consideration.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Chief Executive be authorised to represent the Borough Council at the DSIC Joint Venture Partnership Board; and
- (2) the Chief Executive and the Portfolio Holder for the Physical Environment be authorised to represent the Borough Council on the Public Sector Joint Venture Board.

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ES28 POTENTIAL PROJECT FOR EUROPEAN LIFE FUNDING

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director, Environment and Economy on LIFE+

Nature and Biodiversity which was a European Funding programme aimed at delivering the requirements of the Habitats Directive designed to halt the loss of biodiversity in the member states.

It was noted that applications for funding were announced in May 2010. Some initial preparatory work through a partnership approach identified a potential project addressing the long-term management of the Upper Mersey Estuary using an ecosystem services approach.

As the submission date for the application occurred between Executive Board Sub-Committee meetings, a briefing note had been circulated to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Sub-Committee in early August. The report detailed the progress that had been made to date since then and sought approval to proceed with developing the application.

RESOLVED: That

(1) the partnership approach taken to progress a LIFE funding application for the long-term management of the Upper Mersey Estuary be approved;

(2) Officer time within Environment and Economy continues to develop the concept and to secure external funding sources to potentially draw down €500,000; and

(3) the Strategic Director, Environment and Economy, in consultation with the relevant portfolio holder, be authorised to take all the necessary actions to progress the preparatory work into a successful application.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO

ES35 CASTLEFIELDS VILLAGE SQUARE – LOCAL LETTINGS POLICY

The Sub-Committee considered a report which sought its views on a proposal by Plus Dane Housing Association to introduce a local lettings policy to allocate the new rental properties being constructed as part of the Castlefields Village Square redevelopment. Plus Dane was the developer of the shop units and 16 flats above the shops at Castlefields Village Square. Mindful of the need to do everything possible to protect this investment and the new facilities for the long term benefit of the community, and of the anti-social behaviour problems often associated with

local centres and flats over shops particularly, Plus Dane were proposing to introduce a local lettings policy. This would only apply to 16 new flats due to be constructed above the new shops and not the wider estate.

Members considered a copy of Plus Dane's overarching policy framework governing the use of local lettings policies. The framework set out the consultation, implementation and monitoring process and the safeguards in terms of regular monitoring, analysis and review.

In addition, the report outlined the local context of why Plus Dane wanted to introduce a local policy for the Castlefields Village Square area and the proposed criteria to be used to select new tenants. Essentially, introduce two additional criteria on top of the normal conditions, in that applicants must be over 25 years of age and must be either working or engaged in voluntary work within the community.

It was noted that the Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board supported this proposal at its meeting on 16th June 2010.

RESOLVED: That the Board support the introduction of a local lettings policy as set out in the report.

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ES37 DEFRA CONSULTATION ON DISTRIBUTING FUNDING FOR LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT

The Sub Committee were advised that Defra had consulted Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs) (including Halton) on how funding for the new duties under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 should be distributed. The report set out the options described in Defra's consultation paper and detailed Halton's response, which had been agreed with the relevant portfolio holder. It was noted that the actual level of funding was subject to the outcome of the spending review and other decisions on local government finances.

Members noted that the Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board had previously considered a similar report on 16th June 2010 and had resolved to request the Executive Board to consider the financial and resource implications of the Act, including Defra's proposal to provide Area Based Grant to assist with the carrying out of its new

duties.

RESOLVED: That the response as set out in the pro forma attached to the report, which stated Halton's preference for a 'flat rate of funding' common to all LLFAs plus an additional amount based on flood risk (Option 2a), be noted and endorsed.