

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES – 10 March 2016

TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

EXB121 OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS, NAUGHTON ROAD, WIDNES

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Community and Resources, on objections that had been received following public consultation on a proposed Traffic Regulation Order at Naughton Road, Widnes.

The Board was advised that the intention to introduce 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions on part of Naughton Road, was advertised in August 2015. This had been in response to a request from a Ward Councillor on behalf of adjacent residents, who had complained about obstructive parking close to the junction with Cameron Road.

It was reported that two objections were received, as detailed in Appendix A attached to the report. Residents had now requested that the restrictions originally requested were no longer wanted, as parking restrictions outside their properties would apply at all times, rather than just on match days. Members noted that the introduction of restrictions on parking in the vicinity would create further displacement of parked vehicles in the area.

RESOLVED: That the proposal to introduce an Order to implement waiting restrictions on Naughton Road, Widnes, as set out in Appendix B, not be supported, on the grounds of the objections received.

Strategic Director
- Community &
Resources

(N.B. Councillor Wharton declared a Disclosable Other Interest in the following item of business as he was Chair of Governors at Hale C of E Primary School. He left the room during consideration of the item and took no part in the decision making)

EXB122 OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS, HALE VILLAGE

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Community and Resources, on objections that had

been received following public consultation on proposed Traffic Regulation Orders on various roads in Hale Village.

The Board was advised that after due public consultation in August 2015, limited waiting restrictions were introduced on parts of roads adjacent to Hale C of E Primary School in Hale Village. These were shown in Appendix C attached to the report, and their purpose was to address parking obstruction issues near the school gate. It was reported that residents received hand delivered notice letters together with notices posted on site and advertised in local newspapers. However, during the consultation period, no objections were received.

Following further consultation on minor alterations to the extent of the waiting restrictions, as specified in Appendix D, a single objection was received, as detailed in the report. It was noted that the main issue related to parking at school times. As the proposed restrictions would apply during the working day, it was considered that this would deal with the original complaints and minimise inconvenience for residents.

RESOLVED: That the Board supports the proposal to introduce Orders for revised waiting restrictions on various roads in Hale Village, as set out in Appendix B, attached to the report.

Strategic Director
- Community &
Resources

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES - 7th April 2016

TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

EXB147 HIGHWAYS ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Community and Resources, which sought approval of Chapters 1-4 of the Draft Highways Asset Management Plan (HAMP).

The Board was advised that a HAMP was a guidance document used by the Council's Highways Service which identified current assets, developed a framework for Asset Management to enhance existing good practices and

improve the management of the highway network. In addition, it addressed maintenance challenges moving forward. Some of the potential benefits of adopting Asset Management practices were as follows:

- Formalised and documented standards and processes;
- Provided an informed response to budget pressures;
- Recorded assets and what condition they were in;
- Allowed an understanding of how infrastructure had aged and the risks associated with it;
- Led to consistency of practices;
- Provided an audit trail;
- Assisted with managing public expectations; and
- Acknowledged that future spending requirements were not always the same as historical ones.

It was noted that, unless each local Highway Authority was actively committed to Asset Management and other Highways Maintenance Efficiency Programme principles, then they could expect a cut in future funding of up to 15.5% by 2020/21, through the Incentive Element Funding Formula. This demonstrated the importance for the Council to develop and sustain its highway asset management capability.

The report had been considered by the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board at its meeting on 13 January 2016, which had supported the recommendation.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) Chapters 1-4 inclusive of the Draft Highway Asset Management Plan, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved; and
- 2) the remaining Chapters of the HAMP be brought to the Board for consideration at the appropriate time.

Strategic Director
- Community &
Resources

(N.B. the following Councillors declared a Disclosable Other Interest in the following item of business for the reasons stated: Councillor Polhill as he was Chair of the Mersey Gateway Crossings Board and vacated the Chair during consideration of the item; Councillor Wharton as a Non- Executive Director of the Mersey Gateway

Crossings Board)

COUNCILLOR DAVE CARGILL IN THE CHAIR

EXB148 MERSEY GATEWAY BRIDGE PROJECT - REVISED DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT FUNDING LETTER

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Community and Resources, which presented the revised Department for Transport (DfT) Funding Letter in respect of the Mersey Gateway Bridge Project, which incorporated the improved Local User Discount Scheme, for approval.

It was reported that on 23 January 2014 the Mersey Gateway Executive Board approved a number of documents and the process which took the Mersey Gateway Bridge Project through to financial close. This included providing a delegation to the Operational Director, Finance, as the Council's Section 151 Officer, to authorise such written confirmations as required by the Department for Transport's Funding Letter. It was announced on 25 July 2014 that the Government would provide additional funding to improve the Local User Discount Scheme; this would enable Halton residents to undertake unlimited journeys at no cost, other than an annual registration fee, across the Mersey Gateway Bridge.

Following this announcement the Mersey Gateway Crossings Board had undertaken negotiations with the Department for Transport regarding the revised terms and conditions of the Government's additional funding offer; the result of the negotiations were presented in a revised Funding Letter, which was appended to the report.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the Department for Transport's revised Funding Letter in respect of the Mersey Gateway Bridge Project be approved; and
- 2) the Operational Director, Finance, be authorised to certify the Department for Transport's revised Funding Letter, on behalf of the Council, as the Section 151 Officer.

Strategic Director
- Community &
Resources