

CABINET – 4 FEBRUARY 2010

MATTERS FOR THE APPROVAL OF COUNCIL

290 MINUTE 308 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - EVIDENCE BASE - OPEN SPACE AUDIT

The Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Services presented a report summarising the initial findings of the Open Space Audit, produced by consultants Strategic Leisure, which was required to provide part of the evidence base for the emerging Local Development Framework and to establish the future strategy for the management of the Council's parks and open spaces. It was recommended that a public consultation exercise be undertaken and that the finalised Audit, taking account of the consultation responses, be reported back to Cabinet for approval and inclusion in the emerging Local Development Framework for Wirral.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Services be granted delegated authority in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Planning Strategy to make any necessary factual corrections to the report before the process of public consultation commences**
- (2) public consultation be undertaken along the lines set out in section 5 of this report; and**
- (3) the finalised Audit, taking into account the findings of the public consultation, be reported back to Cabinet for consideration and approval before the findings are included in the emerging Local Development Framework for Wirral.**

MINUTE 309 JOINT MERSEYSIDE WASTE DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT - APPROVAL OF PREFERRED OPTIONS

The Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Services reported that the Council was being asked to approve the content of a Draft Waste Development Preferred Options Report to be published for public consultation in February 2010, which identified sites that might become future allocations. He submitted a report setting out his comments on the proposed preferred options in relation to Wirral, which included one site at Cammell Lairds and two existing sites at Wallasey Bridge Road, Bidston, as having potential for new built facilities to deal with waste transfer and recycling. An agreed sub-regional Core Report was attached to explain the overall content of the proposed consultation document and to set out the recommendations to be considered by each of the partner Councils. The report to Cabinet, therefore, only concentrated on specific information related to Wirral.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Cabinet is pleased to note that this report does not contain any proposals for landfill on Wirral and believes that this is a reflection on the success and increasing levels of recycling that have been achieved in Wirral.**
- (1) recommendations (i), (ii), (iii) and (v), set out in paragraph 11 of the Core Report attached to the Report, be approved;**
- (2) recommendation (iv) set out in paragraph 11 of the Core Report attached to the Report be altered to read ‘that the Waste DPD team is authorised to make editorial changes to the Preferred Options Report as may be agreed and directed by the Councils; and’**
- (3) the principle of funding the future stages in the preparation of the Waste DPD be approved, with any future funding subject to further approval of Cabinet, following a future report.**

291 MINUTE 318 EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIRS

The Director of Technical Services submitted a report confirming a one-off financial injection of £250,000, funded from balances to the Highway Maintenance Budget for this current financial year, to facilitate a programme of emergency road repairs resulting from the recent extreme weather conditions.

RESOLVED:

That a one-off financial injection of £250,000, funded from balances to the Highway Maintenance Budget, to facilitate a programme of emergency road repairs resulting from the recent extreme weather conditions, as described in the report, be approved.

MINUTE 319 THE OVAL SPORTS & RECREATION CENTRE, BEBINGTON - SCHEME COMPLETION REPORT

The Director of Regeneration reported upon the final outcome of the successful remodelling of the main sports building at the Oval Sports Centre.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the achievements gained through the remodelling and refurbishment works undertaken at the Oval Sports Centre be noted;**
- (2) the increased construction costs and fees on the project, as outlined in section 5.0 of the report, be approved and a variation to the Capital Programme to cover the costs, in the sum of £609,685, be agreed; and**

- (3) the changes and enhancements made to the Council's tendering procedures for major construction schemes be noted.**

MINUTE 320 COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION - RECORD AND EVIDENCE TRAIL

Further to minute (9/12/09) when Cabinet had recommended the Protocol in respect of Councillor Call for Action (CCfA) to Council for approval (Appendix A), the Director of Law, HR and Asset Management had prepared a checklist of evidence to help Members gather information to assist any Councillor Calls for Action (Appendix B). It had been endorsed by the Scrutiny Programme Board at its meeting on 14 January 2009 (Minute 35 refers) and referred to the Cabinet for consideration and recommendation to the Council for approval.

RESOLVED:

That the use and implementation of the Councillor Call for Action – Member Checklist and Evidence, set out at Appendix B, be approved and appended to the Protocol for adoption by the Council.