



# A G E N D A

## **STOCKPORT LOCAL ACCESS FORUM**

Meeting Room 5  
Town Hall  
Stockport

Meeting: Monday, 5 July 2010  
Tea: 5.30 pm  
Business: 6.00 pm (NOTE: a buffet tea will be available in the meeting room for Forum Members Only)

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **2. MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2010.

(Enclosed)

### **3. CHANGES TO THE RIGHTS OF WAY NETWORK**

The Senior Rights of Way Officer to report at the meeting

(Verbal Report)

Contact Officer: Ernest Nama, 0161 474 4850, email: [ernest.nama@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:ernest.nama@stockport.gov.uk)

### **4. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3 (LTP3)**

The Transport Policy and Programme Manager to report at the meeting.

(Verbal Report)

Contact Officer: Sue Stevenson, Tel: 0161 474 4351, email: [sue.stevenson@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:sue.stevenson@stockport.gov.uk)

### **5. CONNECT 2 PROJECT**

The Sustainable Transportation Manager to report at the meeting.

(Verbal Report)

Contact Officer: David Brown, Tel: 0161 474 4909, email: [d.brown@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:d.brown@stockport.gov.uk)

### **6. TRANS PENNINE TRAIL 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION (16 JUNE 2010)**

The Senior Rights of Way Officer and the Traffic Network Management (Revenue) Manager to report at the meeting.

(Verbal Report)

Contact Officer: Ernest Nama, 0161 474 4850, email: [ernest.nama@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:ernest.nama@stockport.gov.uk)

Contact Officer: John Swales, 0161 474 4846. email: [john.swales@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:john.swales@stockport.gov.uk)



## **7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To agree the date of the next meeting of the Forum.

Members are requested to bring their diaries to the meeting.

Contact: Gulderen Harwood on 474 3263, e-mail: [gulderen.harwood@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:gulderen.harwood@stockport.gov.uk) or Fax: 161 474 3240

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## **STOCKPORT LOCAL ACCESS FORUM**

Meeting: 11 January 2010  
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

### **Local Access Forum Members**

Edgar Ernstbrunner  
Pat Sutherland  
Christine Turner  
Janet Cuff  
Councillor Chris Baker

### **Officers**

David Brown - Sustainable Transport Manager, Communities, Regeneration & Environment  
Sue Stevenson - Policy Manager, Communities, Regeneration & Environment  
John Swales - Network Manager, Communities, Regeneration & Environment  
Ernest Nama - Senior Rights of Way Officer  
Angela Norton - Democratic Services Officer, Chief Executive's Directorate

### **1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, it was:-

RESOLVED : That Councillor Chris Baker be elected Chair for the duration of the meeting.

Councillor Chris Baker in the Chair

### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Nigel Bennett, Stuart Johnson, and Stephen Watkins.

### **3. MINUTES**

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 28 September 2009 were approved as a correct record.

### **4. RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN - SECOND YEAR UPDATE REPORT**

A representative of the Corporate Director, Communities, Environment and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing a second year update on the statement of action for improvement.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- The layout of the document was confusing and difficult to understand.
- The document still wasn't accessible on the internet, as it was with Legal

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Services for checking. Members discussed when the plan would be available online and received confirmation that the editing phase of the work had now been completed.

- Members were advised that Shropshire Council had published its action plan.

RESOLVED – (1) That progress with the Rights of Way Improvement Plan be noted, subject to the following amendments:-

(a) Paragraph 4.8 needed updating to reflect that the process is underway, and Officers were working hard to clear the backlog.

(b) Paragraph 2.11 - consultation has been undertaken regarding signage and it was noted that signs in well used areas will include more information. Path numbers would also be useful, however this forms part of the larger signage strategy. Government changes would be reflected in the Council's plan in the future and include future targets.

(c) Paragraphs 5.2/5.3 - relates to cycleways and bridleways as they are used for both, however bridleways should be included in the actions as bridleways are the legal status of the paths.

(d) Paragraph 5.3 - Detailed as a success, however horses have nowhere to wait within the new road scheme as the barriers are restrictive.

(e) Paragraph 8.8 should read 'Friends of Goyt'.

(2) That a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Forum providing an overview of the Chadkirk project in Romiley and the issues around the holding area for horses, in particular across Dooley Lane.

### **5. DEFRA CONSULTATION - THE DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT 1995 AND STRUCTURES (GATE, GAPS AND STILES) ON RIGHTS OF WAY - GOOD PRACTICE GUIDANCE FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES.**

A representative of the Corporate Director, Communities, Regeneration and Environment submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) containing guidance from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in relation to structures on Rights of Way.

The following comments were made:-

- The provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA) has been in place for a number of years now.
- Materials e.g. furniture were being purchased from Centrewire commercial specialists in this area
- Tensions will always exist between preventing motorcyclists from using rights of way and enabling access for wheelchair users.
- Regulations were enforceable where there are new paths, generally after consultation with the landowners. The long term approach was to engage with landowners, but current practice varied.

RESOLVED - That the position be noted.

## **6. SCOOTER MOBILITY PROJECT**

A representative of the Corporate Director, Communities, Regeneration and Environment submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing members with an update of the work undertaken in raising awareness of road safety issues amongst mobility scooter users in Stockport, as well as the general public who encounter them.

The following comments were made:

- A series of roadshows has been undertaken to promote sensible scooter use.
- There is no requirement to have insurance for motorscooters.
- A copy of the scooter highway code was circulated at the meeting. It was provided to all new users of mobility scooters to help them understand the implications of using them.
- There was a large second hand scooter market.

RESOLVED - (1) That the position be noted.

(2) That the Officers involved be thanked for this excellent piece of work.

## **7. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3 - UPDATE**

The Transport Policy and Programme Manager reported verbally at the meeting updating members on the Local Transport Plan and the position regarding legislative changes, and provided information regarding the strategic view in Greater Manchester. Each local authority in Greater Manchester had a transport plan, with a three year implementation plan which linked to priorities in their particular area.

The following comments were made:-

- The local focus should not be omitted from this boroughwide strategy,
- The local authorities in Greater Manchester were trying to reduce carbon emissions, therefore cycle routes should be improved.
- Funding for local improvements may be affected by the sharing of resources between local authorities.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted

## **8. CHANGES TO THE RIGHTS OF WAY NETWORK**

The Sustainable Transport Manager reported at the meeting regarding changes to the Rights of Way Network.

The following comments were made:-

- The Inspector had upheld the Council's position in the appeal regarding Path

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- A visible list of paths should be available. Robust information was available for paths which were adopted, although there were discrepancies regarding unadopted paths.
- Highway networks do not necessarily show the footpaths.

RESOLVED: That Sustainable Transport Manager be requested to investigate the possibility of producing a list to future meetings detailing paths which are under investigation by the Council.

### **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED - That the next meeting of the Forum be held, on a date to be arranged, in June 2010.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.