

At a meeting of the CABINET held in the CIVIC CENTRE (COMMITTEE ROOM NO. 1) on Friday 2 December 2011 at 2.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor P. Watson in the Chair

Councillors Blackburn, Gofton, Kelly, P. Smith, Speding and Trueman.

Part I

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 2 November 2011, Part I (copy circulated) were submitted.

(For copy report - see original minutes).

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Receipt of Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests declared at the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Allan and Charlton.

Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor – New wear Bridge Acquisition of Additional Land and Supplemental Side Roads Order

The Executive Director of City Services, the Deputy Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services submitted a joint report (copy circulated) to seek approval for the stopping up of highways and the acquisition of additional land for the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor new Wear Bridge project and the making of the Supplemental Side Roads Order and the Supplemental Compulsory Purchase Order No. 2 for the Scheme.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Blackburn highlighted that the report mainly concerns a small section of highway, mainly un-adopted, adjacent to the Pallion New Road/European Way roundabout. He explained that this roundabout would form the key southern approach to the new bridge and as part of the new Wear Bridge Scheme, substantial highway improvements were to be carried out to the roundabout and highways in this area, including the widening of the carriageway on Pallion New Road.

Cabinet Members were advised that during the work carried out for the Inquiries held in October to consider objections to the original Orders, and following further investigation by Highway Officers, it had been discovered from historic records that the hatched area shown on the Side Roads Order plan attached to the report was in fact public highway, and extended beyond the length of road included in the original Stopping Up Order. As a consequence, members of the public technically still had the right to use this length of highway and access the proposed new highway on Pallion New Road, which was unacceptable on highway safety grounds.

Councillor Blackburn reported that as a result a further Stopping Up Order was required as outlined in the report. He advised that the knock-on effect was that it was also necessary to make a further Compulsory Purchase Order for the parts of this highway which were not included in the original Compulsory Purchase Order, in order to acquire any private interests in the highway sub-soil. He added that it had also been necessary to include some adjacent land which would be left without a highway access.

Councillor Blackburn reported that the two further orders set out in the report was the only way to try and ensure the Inspector recommended confirmation of all of the Orders for the Scheme. He added that the Inquiries were due to reconvene on 5th December, and the Inspector would be asked to adjourn for 2 months to allow the additional orders to be made and the objection period to run.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) approval be given for the making of a supplemental side roads order pursuant to sections 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980 to be known as the Sunderland City Council (Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor – new Wear bridge A1231 and B1405 Classified Roads)(Side Roads)(Supplemental) Order 2011, in order to stop up the highways as described in the schedule and identified on plan number NWC/D/SCC/07/GEN/800021 attached to the report,
- (ii) approval be given for the making of a supplemental compulsory purchase order pursuant to Sections 239 and 240 of the Highways Act 1980 to be known as the Sunderland City Council (Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor – new Wear bridge) (Supplemental No. 2) Compulsory Purchase Order 2011 in order to acquire the additional land on the south side of Pallion New Road as described in the Schedule and identified on plan number NWC/D/SCC/07/GEN/800022 attached to the report,
- (iii) any of the following officers be authorised: the Chief Executive, Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services or the Head of Law and Governance to make minor amendments, modifications or deletions to the schedules and the plans should this be necessary and to finalise and make the supplemental orders, and
- (iv) the Deputy Chief Executive and Head of Law and Governance be authorised to take all necessary action to achieve confirmation of the supplemental orders

Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

At the instance of the Chairman, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 the public be excluded during consideration of the remaining business as it was considered to involve a likely disclosure of information relating to any individual, which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual, the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) and to consultations or negotiations in connection with labour relations matters arising between the Authority and employees of the Authority (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4).

(Signed) P. WATSON,
Chairman.

Note:-

The above minutes comprise only those relating to items during which the meeting was open to the public.

Additional minutes in respect of other items are included in Part II.