



## **Hampshire Action Team for Fareham**

### **Action Notes for HAT Highways Meeting**

**Wednesday 14 April 2010**

**2.00 pm**

**Collingwood Room, Civic Offices, Fareham Borough Council**

**Attendance** (P = Present NP = Not Present A = Apologies Received)

#### **HAT Members, Cllrs**

Councillor Davidovitz (HAT Chairman) (P)  
Councillor K Evans (Vic Chairman, Charing meeting) (P)  
Councillor Woodward (P)  
Councillor Ellis (P)  
Councillor Price (P)  
Councillor Knight (A)  
Councillor Hockley (P)  
Councillor Bryant (P)

#### **Hampshire County Council Officers**

Kate Fryatt , HAT officer (P)  
Neil Jones, Deputy Director, Property Business & Regulatory Services (A)  
James Atkins (A)  
Chris Lait, Area Director, Environment Dept. (P)  
Mary-Ann Toop, Environment Dept. (P)  
Peter Barty, Environment Dept. (A)

#### **Partners**

Councillor David Swanbrow- Fareham Borough Council (P)  
Councillor Peter Davies- Fareham Borough Council (P)  
Chris Oldham - Fareham Borough Council (A)  
David Fawcett, Amey (A)

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Knight (Hampshire County Council) – on County Council business elsewhere, Neil Jones, (Hampshire County Council) James Atkins (Hampshire County Council) , Chris Oldham (Fareham Borough Council) and Peter Barty (Hampshire County Council).

#### **2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting and previous Actions**

The following issues and actions were identified from the matters arising:

**ACTION 1: Highways officers to ensure Passenger Transport Team update Members on bus access from Fareham to Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth.**

**ACTION 2: Item 6 manhole cover in North Hill- notes need amending to read Councillor Bryant rather than Hockley.**

Members discussed the priority status of the Traffic and Transport Issues and the following was agreed.

**ACTION 3: Item 07/09 Old Turnpike/Wickham Road to be changed to Medium Priority plus research into clarifying land ownership.**

### **3. Presentation from Amey**

Amey gave a presentation and updated Members on their recent work to respond to the severe weather conditions that had been experienced. During an average winter gritters are used 35-36 times. During January alone gritters were used for 21 and for a total of 54 days over the whole winter. On average 9,000 tonnes of salt is normally used during winter, however this winter 20,000 tonnes were used. Salt supplies nationally were allocated in accordance with central governments directions. A key success during this time was the informal partnership arrangements whereby partners worked together with a single focus to improve access.

Amey have had 50 dedicated pothole busting teams of staff to focus on repairing potholes. Amey are now looking at network restoration and are developing a programme which is cost effective and efficient. The programme is likely to last 6-12 months.

Amey are keen to develop a closer relationship with Members and are currently in dialogue with the County Council to agree a new way forward and closer working arrangements.

Discussion took place regarding type of pothole repair used by Amey.

### **4. Progress with 2009/10 Capital Programme**

Chris Lait, Highways and transport Area Director led the paper.

Members noted the paper and made the following points:

- Several 2009/10 schemes have been deferred due to the severe winter conditions
- There may be changes to the two A27 schemes as the money for this scheme has had to be diverted to A27 Portchester where the need for repair is more urgent.
- There is remedial work needed for some of the surface dressing schemes completed last year. This is the second consecutive year there have been problems. Hampshire County Council are now doing their own laboratory testing on materials being used.

**ACTION 4: A report to HAT members regarding percentage of remedial work being undertaken and quality of new materials being used/ current surface dressing.**

- Table 2 . Whiteley to Swanwick Station. This scheme is taking longer to commence but it is anticipated the revised scheme will result in financial savings being made.
- Table 3. Hunts Pond Road. The build-outs being installed are proving very controversial and have raised safety concerns. They will reduce speed but are causing parking problems – e.g. for allotment users.

**ACTION 5: Highways officers to advise Members of date of forthcoming safety audit of Hunts Pond Road.**

- Southampton Hill – refuge island. Members commented that work has commenced but stopped due to possible delays regarding electrics.

**ACTION 6: Highways Officers to investigate and update local Member.**

**5. Priorities for Capital Programme 2010/11**

The tables were acknowledged by Members.

In addition members noted that Fareham Borough Council have allocated £100k towards the Fareham Town Centre Parking Strategy which will involve implementation of Controlled Parking Zone TRO's as part of the 2010/11 Fareham Traffic Management Programme.

**6. Review of winter maintenance and implications of the winter weather for the highway network**

A County review on winter maintenance is being led by Chris Lait, building on the successes and lessons learned during the severe weather conditions experienced this year.

Emergency planning worked well overall however some gaps were identified. The current policy focuses on clearing priority routes on the Highways. A new winter maintenance policy is being developed which will focus on both highways and community needs. Partnership engagement is planned to help develop this policy.

In order to assist self help, Hampshire will be providing additional salt bins for community use. Community Action Teams, Community Groups and Resident Associations have been requested to assist in identifying appropriate locations for consideration by the highway units.

There are plans, subject to appropriate permissions, for Hampshire to build a new salt barn in order to increase salt resilience from 12 to 18 days.

The HAT was reminded that the County Council's Policy and Resources Select Committee is carrying out a review of winter maintenance. The interim findings will be available in July. The importance of receiving input from districts and boroughs was highlighted.

During the course of discussion, Members highlighted the following local points to feed into the review:

- Neville Lovett School needs to be a high priority especially for pupils to sit GCSE exams
- Responses for salt bin requests are being collated
- Portchester – there were issues relating to poor snow clearance on Portchester Hill and also on the subways leading to Portchester shopping precinct.
- Consideration for higher prioritisation of clearance of Fareham bus station is necessary as it remained closed for five and a half days.

**ACTION 7: The list of salt bin requests to be discussed with Fareham Borough Council prior to final allocation of resources.**

**ACTION 8: Chris Lait to feed all above points into review process.**

## **7. Proposed Capital Programme 2010/11**

Members noted the paper and acknowledged that the highways maintenance programme is subject to change as funding may be required for highway restoration works following the severe winter weather damage. In particular, it was noted:

- Any deferred schemes from the 2009/10 programme will be given priority in 2010/11
- A27 Bridge Road and Southampton Road schemes have been deferred as funding has been diverted to the A27 Porchester as it is now a higher priority.
- The Leader and Executive Member for Environment are trying to secure additional monies for Highways work

The budget for Minor Works has been increased from £25k to around £45k. Following discussions Members recommended the following priorities:

- 1) Posbrook lane – as per original request without extending the scheme beyond cottages. Consideration to be given re additional street lighting on footway when Private Finance Initiative on street lighting looks at area.
- 2) Stubbington Green
- 3) Sweethills Crescent

Members raised another potential footpath scheme at Cranleigh Road/ Cornerway Lane where there may be external funding available.

**ACTION 9: Chris Lait to look into matter and liaise with local Member.**

- Table 4. A27 Demand management Scheme. Officers are looking at a series of traffic based improvement schemes which will incorporate cycle and pedestrian crossing at Kams Palace. This will delay the Park Gate Cycle Route . The money for the latter scheme has been set aside.
- Newgate Lane/ Speedfields Avenue – officers need to remember the residents of Fareham South who use this roundabout to access Fareham Town.

**8. Local and Strategic Issues**

Segensworth Access Plan. This plan is in draft format and local County and District Members have been involved.

**ACTION 10: The Town Access Plan to come to the HAT in Autumn 2010.**

Yew Tree Drive, Whiteley. A consultation is currently underway regarding a possible trial lifting of restricting bus and emergency vehicle access along this road. This is a cross boundary issue with Winchester.

**ACTION 11: Outcomes from the consultation and decision taken to be reported at future HAT meeting.**

Gosport Peninsular Access group. After discussion members agreed to support this group on the basis it meets only as and when required. Members whom are interested are Councillors Bryant / Ellis / Price/ Knight (absent but has been supportive in the past) and District Councillor Peter Davies.

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) scheme – the judicial review is ongoing and the County Council is awaiting the response from the appeal heard on 10 and 11 March 2010. Additionally, the County Council is waiting for the outcome of two Village Green applications which are critical to the BRT.

Local Transport Plan 3 update. County Councillors have been invited to a series of workshops. The plan will comprise of a 20 year strategy. Members were given an update note.

**9. Any Other Business**

Members raised the following point:

- The railway sleepers used at Homezone, Portchester appear to be rotting.

**ACTION 12: Officers to investigate and update local Member.**

Meeting closed.