

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive
Forward Plan
Reference**E2296****B3114 Bristol Road Chew Stoke Footway**

Decision maker/s	Cllr Roger Symonds, Cabinet Member for Transport
The Issue	The provision of a new footway on the B3114 Bristol Road in Chew Stoke is dependent upon the acquisition or dedication of privately owned residential land. Negotiations with three landowners commenced in 2006 but communications with two of these have now ceased without any agreement being reached. Approval is required to commence CPO procedures so that this important road safety feature can be provided.
Decision Date	26 October 2011
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees that the Council makes use of the 1981 Acquisition of Land Act statutory procedures for an Order under the Highways Act 1980 for the compulsory acquisition of rights over privately owned land for the construction of a new footway on the B3114 Bristol Road in Chew Stoke.
Rationale for decision	The existing footway at Chew Stoke runs along the eastern side of Bristol Road and is used extensively by school pupils and other pedestrians. Where this footway discontinues, pedestrians walk within a narrow section of the Bristol Road. The introduction of a new section of footway would provide an important road safety feature but would necessitate the acquisition of private land at three residential properties due to the narrow width of the existing carriageway. Attempts to acquire the land by agreement have failed after prolonged negotiations over a period of more than 5 years. As a last resort, the Cabinet Member is requested to approve the commencement of compulsory procedures.
Financial and budget implications	Funding for this scheme will be from a Section 106 agreement relating to the Radfords development.
Issues considered	Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Human Resources; Young People; Human Rights; Health & Safety
Consultation undertaken	Ward Councillor; Cabinet members; Parish Council; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Local Residents; Community Interest Groups; Other Public Sector Bodies.
How consultation was carried out	Consultations with residents and landowners have been in progress since 2005. The Parish Council and Ward Councillor have taken active roles in promoting the scheme and consulting residents.
Other options considered	A scheme requiring private residential land on the other side of Bristol Road was considered but rejected on road safety grounds. A scheme reducing the carriageway width with a priority give way was also considered but rejected on road safety grounds.

Signatures of Decision Makers	
Date of Signature	
Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision	