

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION



REPORT OF:	Executive Member for Public Health and Wellbeing
LEAD OFFICERS:	Director of Public Health and Wellbeing
DATE:	14/12/2020

PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED:	Environmental Services	Growth and Development
WARD/S AFFECTED:	West Pennine	

SUBJECT: Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Pay and Display Parking Turton Tower, Edgeworth

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To inform of the proposal to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order at Turton Tower as detailed below and seek approval for pay and display parking on the Carpark and Tower drive to restrict all parking.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Member:

Authorise the Director of HR, Governance and Engagement to advertise the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders as per the attached schedule.

Authorise the Director of HR, Governance and Engagement to then make the Traffic Regulation Order should no objections be made.

Note that any unresolved objections will be reported to a meeting of the Planning and highways Committee.

3. BACKGROUND

Turton Tower carpark and grounds attracts a significant number of customers who use the parking to access other parts of the West Pennine moors to walk or cycle as well as simply walk their dog or visit the tearoom in the Grounds throughout the year. Whilst this high level of usage is to be welcomed, it takes its toll on the infrastructure of the carpark and is not beneficial to the Tower as they are not paying to enter. This has been very evident in the 2020 season when the Tower has not been open to the public. In this time the carpark and Tower road are regularly so full of cars that staff and volunteers cannot get on to park. There has also been several complaints from neighbouring houses that access is blocked by excessive parking on Tower road.

It is proposed that car parking charges are introduced in the main car park and Tower Road becomes a parking zone, as if only on the carpark it will simply displace cars who will want to park on the road instead. It is recognised that this may displace cars onto Chapeltown Road and the appropriate safeguards are being looked at by Highways to ensure this doesn't happen

It is recognised that there is a cost to enter the Tower itself and it is recommended that the cost of parking could be deducted from the cost of a ticket when visiting the Tower itself. It is also proposed that the volunteers would be issued with free passes so as not to incur costs when supporting the Tower.

Turton Tower Grounds are a well visited and valued community asset and that it contributes positively to the health and wellbeing of residents. The introduction of low level parking charges has been deemed as an appropriate means to offset the budget towards the significant costs of the upkeep of the carpark, grounds and Tower itself with initial monies towards refurbishing the carpark.

4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

No risks arising from this proposal have been identified. The proposals are of benefit to the social and economic wellbeing of the Borough.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of making and advertising this Traffic Regulation Order will be funded from the Turton Tower Charity budget and will have no implication on the main budget..

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The necessary legal powers to implement this scheme are within the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984. The advertising of the proposals will provide the public the opportunity to comment/object which will be considered appropriately by officers and if any objections cannot be agreed then they will be brought back for a decision by the Executive Member.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

None

9. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

Please select one of the options below. Where appropriate please include the hyperlink to the EIA.

Option 1 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required – the EIA checklist has been completed.

Option 2 In determining this matter the Executive Member needs to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA link here)*

Option 3 In determining this matter the Executive Board Members need to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA attachment)*

10. CONSULTATIONS

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to object to or comment on the proposal following statutory advertising on site and in the local newspaper.

A survey has been sent to the Friends of Turton Tower to gain their views, the results to date are supportive of the introduction of charges.

11. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been considered. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of any Executive Member consulted and note of any dispensation granted by the Chief Executive will be recorded and published if applicable.

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