



EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

REPORT OF: Executive Member for Regeneration

LEAD OFFICER: Director of Planning and Prosperity

DATE: 31st October 2016

PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED: Regeneration

WARDS AFFECTED: Sudell
Sunnyhurst

KEY DECISION: No

SUBJECT: Proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Order –Various streets, Darwen

1. PURPOSE

To inform the Executive Member for Regeneration of the proposal to introduce an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order as detailed below and seek approval to make it:-

Atlas Road, Darwen.....	No Waiting/Loading/Unloading at any Time
Church Street, Darwen.....	Limited Waiting 8am-6pm 1hour no return within 1 hour
	No Waiting/Loading/Unloading At any Time
Kay Street, Darwen.....	No Waiting/Loading/Unloading at any Time
Knott Street, Darwen.....	No Waiting/Loading/Unloading at any Time
Railway Road, Darwen	Limited Waiting 8am-6pm 1hour no return within 1 hour
	No waiting 8am-6pm
	No Waiting/Loading/Unloading At any Time
Richmond Terrace, Darwen.....	No Waiting/Loading/Unloading at any Time

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Executive Member:

Authorise the Director of HR, Legal & Corporate Services to make and advertise the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order as per the attached schedule.

BACKGROUND

A proposal to make Railway Road and Atlas Road car parks into Pay and Display car parks will be submitted to the Executive member for Regeneration this month requesting approval to advertise. If this proposal goes ahead, this will inevitably lead to the surrounding streets becoming congested with vehicles whose owners do not wish to pay the parking charge. In order to prevent congestion and formalise parking in these streets, it is proposed to introduce double yellow lines, a small amount of single yellow lines and limited waiting bays as detailed in the schedule.

4. KEY ISSUES

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

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The proposal to make and revoke Traffic Regulation Orders requires delegated approval from the Executive member for Regeneration and Chief Officer. Traffic Regulation Orders are required to be published in the local press and on site to comply with the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984. Directly affected properties are consulted in line with current procedure.

The proposal meets the requirements of the Traffic Management Act 2004 in managing the expeditious movement of traffic on the highway network.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of making and advertising this experimental Traffic Regulation Order will be funded from the Parking Services 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 enable comments/objections and suggestions on how the experimental order may be improved through variation from members of the public as well as relevant Council highway officers.

Experimental orders are predominately to provide the Highways Authority with a proper period of time to test the effects of a traffic order. An experimental order enables the impact of the new restrictions to be examined and potentially minor changes made to address unforeseen issues more readily. For an experimental order the objection period is 6 months which actually allows people to raise any objections or recommendations they may have with knowledge of how the restriction really works. Hence the recommendation for the review after 6 months is a reasonable and appropriate requirement although additionally the recommendation could be to continue with the experimental order for a further period if it was considered necessary. The order could actually be modified sooner than the initial 6 months depending on how it was operating and the interim objections and feedback that was being received.

The experimental period will allow the Council to make necessary adjustments although it should be noted that every time an experimental order is modified, the 6 month objection period starts again.

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.

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

The public will have the opportunity to comment on the Experimental Order during the first 6 months from its implementation.

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 as detailed in the attached briefing paper. 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 in the Summary of Decisions published on the day following the meeting.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Appendix 1 Schedule Appendix 2 Plan

