

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION



REPORT OF: Executive Member for Regeneration

LEAD OFFICERS: Director of Planning and Prosperity

DATE: 14th February 2017

PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED: Regeneration

WARD/S AFFECTED: Shear Brow Audley

SUBJECT: Proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Order – Red Route on A678 and surrounding roads.

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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:-

A678 and surrounding roads.....Red Route

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

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.

3. BACKGROUND

Since the opening of the widened alignment on Copy Nook, Bottomgate and Furthergate, parking issues have been experienced in the vicinity of the shops on Copy Nook. At the present time there is no legal remedy to prevent this or enforce against this type of parking.

Red Routes were introduced to allow for reducing congestion and controlling traffic on bus corridors in London. These measures eventually spread to the West Midlands and have now been included in the general traffic regulations released in 2016.

The proposal is to cover the main route from Larkhill, Eanam Roundabout through to Accrington Rd and Gorse St over this section of the Pennine Reach scheme.

In order to provide some consistency, short sections of side roads and inter-connecting roads such as Culshaw St and Dock St have been included in the scheme as these routes intersect the Red Routes at either end and also experience parking issues.

Red Routes operate as a No Stopping and No Loading restriction except in marked and signed bays and can be enforced by the police and via CCTV as well as by CEO's.

4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

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 Traffic Regulation Order will be in the region of £8000 and will be funded from the Pennine Reach scheme.

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 – 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 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 and published if applicable.

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BACKGROUND PAPER:	Appendix 1 schedule Appendix 2 plan