



EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

REPORT OF: Executive Member for Regeneration

LEAD OFFICERS: Director of Growth and Development

DATE: 12th October 2017

PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED: Regeneration

WARD/S AFFECTED: Ewood

SUBJECT: Proposed Experimental Prohibition of Driving –Various Streets , Ewood Ward

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:-

Proposed point closures using a Prohibition Of Driving restriction.....Mosley Walk at its junction with Hall Street (both sides), Abraham Street at its junction with Infirmary Street and Hall Street to the south of its junction with Bankside, Blackburn

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

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.

3. BACKGROUND

In response to road safety and traffic management concerns raised by the community and local ward members an engineering review recommends point closures at the location listed in the executive summary in order to discourage through-traffic from traversing the Home Zone.

4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

No risks arising from this proposal have been identified. The proposal is 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, advertising and implementing this Traffic Regulation Order will be approximately £20,000 and will be funded from the LTP Infirmity area review allocation.

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. 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 Plan Appendix 2 Schedule