



EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

REPORT OF: Executive Member for Regeneration

LEAD OFFICERS: Director of Growth and Development

DATE: 12th March 2019

PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED: Regeneration

WARD/S AFFECTED: Shear Brow and Corporation Park

SUBJECT: Proposal of Experimental Traffic Regulation Order – Waiting and Loading Restrictions around Queen Elizabeth Grammar School

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:-

No Waiting At Any Time.....Burlington St Blackburn
No Waiting No Waiting/No Loading/No Unloading At Any Time.....West Park Rd Blackburn
No Waiting/No Loading/No Loading Mon-Fri 8am-5pm school term only.....Dukes Brow, Blackburn
Bus Stand Mon – Fri 8am-5pm.....West Park Rd Blackburn

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Member:

Authorise the Director of HR, Legal & Governance to advertise and make the proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Order as per the attached schedule. The order will be made for a maximum of 18 months. If there are no objections, the order can be made permanent by a separate order.

3. BACKGROUND

A safety scheme has been designed in order to improve bus and pedestrian access in the vicinity of Queen Elizabeth Grammar School. The scheme aims to improve road safety and reduce congestion on both West Park Road and Dukes Brow.

Approval is sought to advertise and then make the Traffic Regulation Orders associated with the new restrictions being introduced as part of this scheme.

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.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of making and advertising this Traffic Regulation Order will be approximately £9000 and will be funded from the Local Transport Plan 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 by variation from members of the public as well as relevant council highway officers.

Experimental orders are predominantly 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 restriction 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 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 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 the 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 - schedule |
| | Appendix 2 - plan |