



# EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

<b>REPORT OF:</b>	Executive Member for Growth and Development Executive Member for Environment
<b>LEAD OFFICERS:</b>	Director of Growth and Development Director of Environment and Operations
<b>DATE:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2019

<b>PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED:</b>	Growth and Development	Environment
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	Blackburn Central	Little Harwood and Whitebirk

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Order – **Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council (Various Streets)( Restricted Parking Zone Order) 2019**

## 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 & NO LOADING AT ANY TIME EXCEPT IN SIGNED BAYS ON THE FOLLOWING STREETS:-

AINSWORTH STREET, ALMA STREET, BARTON STREET, BLAKEY MOOR, BROWN STREET, BYROM STREET, CANTERBURY STREET, CARDWELL PLACE, DUKE STREET, EXCHANGE STREET, FEILDEN STREET, FRANCE STREET, HARRISON STREET, JAMES STREET, KING WILLIAM STREET, LIMBRICK, MUSEUM STREET, NORTHGATE, PARADISE LANE, PARADISE STREET, PENNY STREET, PRESTON NEW ROAD, PRINCES STREET, REGENT STREET, RICHMOND HILL, RICHMOND TERRACE, SIMMONS STREET, ST PAULS STREET, SUMNER STREET, TACKETT STREET, TONTINE STREET, TOWN HALL ST, UN-NAMED ROAD TO THE NORTH EAST OF THE COUNTY COURT, VICTORIA STREET.

NO WAITING & NO LOADING AT ANY TIME EXCEPT IN SIGNED BAYS) MON-FRI 8AM-9.30AM AND 2PM-5PM ON THE FOLLOWING STREETS:-

SERVICE ROAD TO THE REAR OF NOS 50 TO 64 WHITEBIRK ROAD, WHITEBIRK ROAD (SERVICE ROAD TO SCHOOL).

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Member:

Authorise the Director of HR, Legal and 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 no objections, the order can be made permanent by a separate order.

## 3. BACKGROUND

1). NPIF/VSNG: No Waiting/No Loading At Any Time - in order to maintain the visual amenity of the area which is being heavily rebuilt/resurfaced it is proposed to introduce an Order to prevent waiting and loading except in signed bays. This is to remove the requirement to install double yellow lines and double kerb blips which would negatively impact on the aesthetic value of the project.

2) Tauheedul Islamic Boys School: No Waiting/No Loading At Any Time – as part of the off-site highway works to install school access and safety infrastructure on Sumner St, Harrison St and Byrom St. As part of this, in order to reduce the requirement for double yellow lines and kerb blips, a Restricted Parking Zone Order is proposed for the area around TIBS and the Fire Station in order to prevent inappropriate parking.

3) Intack Primary School: No Waiting/No Loading Mon – Fri 8am – 9:30am and 2pm to 5pm – the access road to the school is being blocked at critical school entry/exit times which is impacting on the safety of children travelling to/from school. In order to mitigate this, it is proposed to introduce a part-time Order between the times specified above on the service road to the school and on the rear service road between Nos 50 to 64 Whitebirk Rd, to prevent obstructive parking and resolve identified safety issues.

#### **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 as traffic queues will be reduced in the area and the safety for road users will be improved.

#### **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 £2,000 and will be funded from the National Productivity Investment Fund Grant and LTP 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 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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<b>DATE:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
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<b>BACKGROUND PAPER:</b>	Appendix 1 Schedule Appendix 2 Plan
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