

# EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION



**REPORT OF:** Executive Member for Growth and Development

**LEAD OFFICERS:** Director of Growth and Development

**DATE:** 21st January 2020

**PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED:** Growth and Development

**WARD/S AFFECTED:** Little Harwood and Whitebirk

**SUBJECT :** Proposed 3 tonne weight restriction order – Davies Road. Blackburn

## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To inform the Executive Member for Growth and Development of the proposal to advertise a Traffic Regulation Order as detailed below and seek approval to make it:-

**Proposed 3 tonne weight restriction .....Davies Road, Blackburn**

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Member:

Authorise the Director of HR, Legal and Governance to advertise the proposed Traffic Regulation Order as per the attached schedule.

Authorise the Director of HR, Legal and Governance to then make the Traffic Regulation Order should no objections be made.

Note that any unresolved objections will be reported to a meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee.

## 3. BACKGROUND

Davies Road is located in the Whitebirk area of Blackburn. It provides access to a plot of land adjacent to the A678 and runs from its junction with Blakewater Road and Whitebirk Drive in a southerly direction crossing the Leeds Liverpool Canal at its southerly end.

Some years ago the bridge was barriered off to prevent incidents of fly tipping and to remove the threat of travellers settling on the land. Recently the council's structures team has received a request to reopen the bridge to allow access to the land for development. It has been agreed that this is the best course of action with the proviso that a weight restriction is introduced on the bridge.

This proposal seeks to introduce a 3 tonne weight restriction on the bridge.

## 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.

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## 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 £1500 and will be funded from the essential bridge maintenance 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 provide the public the opportunity to comment/object which will be considered appropriately by officers and if any objections cannot be agreed then they will be brought back for a decision by the Executive Member.

## 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 object to or comment on the proposal following statutory advertising on site and in the local newspaper.

## 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>BACKGROUND PAPER:</b>	Appendix 1 Schedule Appendix 2 Plan