

Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Environment (including Transport)

***Thursday, 6 August 2020 at 10.00 am
Virtual***

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Items for Decision

The items for decision under individual Cabinet Members' delegated powers are listed overleaf, with indicative timings, and the related reports are attached. Decisions taken will become effective at the end of the working day on Friday 7 August 2020 unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

Copies of the reports are circulated (by e-mail) to all members of the County Council.

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July 2020

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Note: Date of next meeting: 17 September 2020

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Items for Decision

1. Declarations of Interest

2. Questions from County Councillors

Any county councillor may, by giving notice to the Proper Officer by 9 am two working days before the meeting, ask a question on any matter in respect of the Cabinet Member's delegated powers.

The number of questions which may be asked by any councillor at any one meeting is limited to two (or one question with notice and a supplementary question at the meeting) and the time for questions will be limited to 30 minutes in total. As with questions at Council, any questions which remain unanswered at the end of this item will receive a written response.

Questions submitted prior to the agenda being despatched are shown below and will be the subject of a response from the appropriate Cabinet Member or such other councillor or officer as is determined by the Cabinet Member, and shall not be the subject of further debate at this meeting. Questions received after the despatch of the agenda, but before the deadline, will be shown on the Schedule of Addenda circulated at the meeting, together with any written response which is available at that time.

3. Petitions and Public Address

This meeting will be held virtually in order to conform with current guidelines regarding social distancing. Normally requests to speak at this public meeting are required by 9 am on the day preceding the published date of the meeting. However, during the current situation and to facilitate these new arrangements we are asking that requests to speak are submitted by no later than 9am four working days before the meeting i.e. 9 am on Friday 31 July. Requests to speak should be sent to sue.whitehead@oxfordshire.gov.uk together with a written statement of your presentation to ensure that if the technology fails then your views can still be taken into account. A written copy of your statement can be provided no later than 9 am 2 working days before the meeting.

Where a meeting is held virtually and the addressee is unable to participate virtually their written submission will be accepted

Written submissions should be no longer than 1 A4 sheet.

4. Oxford: Walton Street - Proposed Experimental Closure (Pages 1 - 4)

Forward Plan Ref: 2019/185

Contact: Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

Report by Director for Community Operations (Interim) (**CMDE4**).

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experimental order and return the road layout and signage to its original configuration as designed prior to the Walton Street closure.

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Division(s): Jericho and Osney; St Margaret's,
University Parks

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 6 AUGUST 2020

OXFORD: WALTON STREET - EXPERIMENTAL PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Report by Director for Community Operations, Communities

Recommendation

1. **The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to end the experimental order and return the road layout and signage to its original configuration as designed prior to the Walton Street closure.**

Executive summary

2. Formal consultation recently concluded for the experimental order prohibiting access to and from Walton Street at its junction with Beaumont Street and Worcester Street (Oxford).
3. In July 2020 the Cabinet Member for the Environment deferred the decision to amend the experimental order following officer recommendations.
4. Due to the recent Active Travel proposals, as part of transport Recovery plans, initiatives are being brought forward that will no longer require the physical closure of Walton street (at the junction of Worcester Street/ Beaumont Street)., Other measures under this programme are expected to enable similar benefits to the Walton manor and Jericho area that the existing physical closure has afforded.

Reasoning for the decision

5. Analysis of the formal consultation phase found that 51% of respondents expressed support for the measure whilst 43% expressed an objection. These formal responses were furthermore supported by a number of petitions both for and against the closure that indicated an almost equal final figure of 50/50 in favour/against the trial.
6. The results of the formal consultation stage together with the ongoing wider traffic movement impacts of COVID-19 resulted in an officer recommendation for deferral of a decision on the Walton Street Closure. This recommendation was approved at Cabinet Member Decisions (CMD) on 16th July.
7. Since the CMD decision there have been a number of developments, namely;
 - Further traffic surveying undertaken in Walton Manor area has found that local mitigation measures implemented to try and ease congestion for certain streets including St Bernard's Rd during the trial have continued to

be unsuccessful The county council has confirmed Tranche 1 Covid 19 Active travel measures include the proposal to install a temporary bus gate within the Worcester Street/Beaumont Street area, which will have the effect of restricting through traffic through the Walton Manor / Jericho area (the restriction is proposed to allow local movements with proposed exemptions. Further details are currently being developed).

- The county council is considering detailed consultation into the development of a wider Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTN) through application to the Tranche 2 Covid 19 Active Travel funding. These are for measures across the city but could include the Jericho and Walton Manor area.
- The need to aid local businesses in recovery after a four-month (COVID-19) period of economic uncertainty.

What next?

8. If cancelation of the order is approved the barriers and restrictions at St Bernard's Rd/ Walton St and at the Walton St/ Worcester street junction will be removed during (or shortly after) the week commencing 17 August 2020.
9. As part of the COVID-19 recovery plans and the Active Travel programme, an experimental bus gate in the Worcester St/ Beaumont Street/Hythe Bridge Street is currently undergoing an engagement and stakeholder consultation phase, with a possible decision and implementation in Sept 2020.
10. At the 16 July 2020 CMD a presentation from a local residents group indicated that there was an initial local appetite to amend the street scape to develop a balanced solution for reducing traffic flow across the local area, that is equitable for all of the residents/businesses. These measures will be considered further by the county council through the development of its Local Connectivity Transport Plan 5. A recent topic paper for the development of the plan set out an agenda for Low Traffic Neighbourhoods. In the meantime, the county council will explore whether there are suitable opportunities through the Active Travel programme as part of the second Tranche of activity (if the County Council's funding proposal is agreed by the Department for Transport). Tranche 2 will consider the progression of development and consultation for a potential Low Traffic Neighbourhood concept for Jericho/ Walton Manor. This will be developed in conjunction with local residents and business groups to ensure that it meets everyone's needs and will be developed to ensure strategic fit as part of wider highway initiatives being brought forward for the city.

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Interim Director for Community Operations

Background papers: Plan of prohibition of access by motor vehicles.
Consultation responses

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PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES



Walton Street - Proposed Prohibition of Motor Vehicles

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