



Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Environment (including Transport)

Thursday, 18 July 2019 at 10.00 am

Committee Rooms 1 and 2, County Hall, New Road, Oxford

Items for Decision

The items for decision under individual Cabinet Members' delegated powers are listed overleaf with related reports attached. Decisions taken will become effective at the end of the working day on Friday 26 July 2019 unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

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Yvonne Rees
Chief Executive

July 2019

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Note: Date of next meeting: 12 September 2019

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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**
4. **Burford Weight Limit** (Pages 1 - 8)

Forward Plan Ref: 2019/090

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Report by Director for Planning & Place (**CMDE4**).

This report seeks Cabinet Member approval to move forward with an 18 month experimental environmental weight limit covering the length of Burford High Street between the A40 roundabout to the south and the A361/A424 junction just north of Burford Bridge.

The town council, local residents and local members of the county council have been campaigning for a weight limit for Burford for many years. They are concerned about noise, vibration, air pollution and road safety issues associated with lorry traffic as well as the negative impact on the town's tourist economy.

However, this is being taken forwards on a temporary, experimental basis initially. This is because of concerns raised in traffic modelling work that lorries might divert via other towns and villages, transferring these problems there instead. This would not be acceptable but there is some scepticism about how accurately it is possible to predict such diversion and an expectation that much of the lorry traffic diverting away from Burford would do so via major A roads and motorways, particularly in the case of long-distance lorry traffic. Traffic monitoring will, therefore, be carried out at a number of key locations in order to identify any possible, adverse effects.

The cost of implementation, including the major costs of signing and enforcement, would be met by the local community. This project would be the first community funded weight limit in Oxfordshire and can be seen as a pilot for other such schemes elsewhere in future.

The remaining details of enforcement and the operation of a permit scheme (for local access to locations outside Burford High Street for which avoiding the High Street would be too onerous) have been finalised and detailed in this report as stipulated in the Cabinet Member for Environment Delegated Decisions report of November 2018. Further work has taken place to examine how enforcement and prosecution can be devolved to Burford Town Council, the details of which are set out within this report.

The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to approve the implementation of the experimental weight limit order for Burford.
