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**Decision Session – Cabinet Member for Planning,  
Transport & Sustainability**

**18<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

Report of the City Centre Access Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee

**City Centre Access Scrutiny Review**

**Summary**

1. This report sets out the findings of the City Centre Access Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee and asks the Cabinet Member to take these into consideration when making further decisions on both the ongoing Footstreets Review and access to the city centre more generally.
2. Councillor Gillies, the Chair of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee will be in attendance at the meeting to present this report and its associated appendices.

**Background**

3. In June 2011 Councillor Gillies submitted a scrutiny topic in relation to access and Footstreet enforcement in the city centre which was progressed to review. The following remit for the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee to work to was subsequently agreed:

**Aim**

4. How do we minimise vehicular movement in the city centre footstreets and immediate area to ensure the safety of pedestrians?

**Key Objectives**

- (i). Do changes need to be made to the City Centre Area Action Plan/City Centre Access Study/Footstreets Policy to ensure:
  - Appropriate disabled access and parking provision
  - The safety of pedestrians during footstreet hours
  - City Centre cycle storage facilities

(ii). How could City of York council and the Police improve partnership working in order to fully enforce the Footstreets policy, including understanding:

- Who is responsible for what currently and should there be any changes
- The current barriers to enforcing the policy

5. Over a series of meetings the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee considered various pieces of evidence culminating in them submitting a report to Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC) on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012. This report set out their findings and some concerns over process and the support they had received during the course of the review; this is attached at **Appendix A** to this report.
6. On consideration of the report CSMC agreed that there was no further role for the Ad Hoc Committee. However they did feel one further meeting should be held to fully collate the Committee's findings prior to them being presented to the Cabinet Member for consideration. This meeting was held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013 and in addition to agreeing to formally submit the information at **Appendix A** to this report the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee discussed further some of their concerns and these are attached as **Appendix B** to this report.

### **Consultation**

7. The Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee consulted with various officers and North Yorkshire Police during the course of this review.

### **Options**

8. There are no direct options, other than the Cabinet Member being asked to take all or some of the Ad Hoc Committee's findings and concerns into consideration when making further decisions on the ongoing Footstreets Review and on city centre access issues more generally.

### **Analysis**

9. The Cabinet Member is asked to consider the information at **Appendices A & B** to this report and agree to take the views of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee into consideration when making any further decisions in relation to the ongoing Footstreets Review and other city centre access matters.

## **Council Plan 2011-2015**

10. The work of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee directly related to the 'Get York Moving' theme set out within the Council Plan 2011-15. As part of the 'Get York Moving' theme there is a commitment to look at 'improving movement in the city centre.'

### **Implications**

11. There are no known implications associated with the recommendations in this report. However, many of the ideas raised in the appendices to this report may have implications. These will need to be considered by the Cabinet Member as part of the decision making process directly related to the ongoing Footstreets Review.

### **Risk Management**

12. There are no known risks associated with the recommendations within this report. However, risks may arise dependent on which, if any, of the ideas contained within the appendices to this report the Cabinet Member may choose to implement as part of the ongoing Footstreets Review.

### **Recommendations**

13. The Cabinet Member is asked to agree to take into consideration the findings and concerns of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee when making further decisions on the ongoing Footstreets Review and on city centre access issues more generally.

Reason: In order that the views of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee are taken into consideration when further decisions on city centre access matters are made.

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**Report  
Approved**



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**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** None

**Wards Affected:** Guildhall Ward

**All**

**For further information please contact the author of the report**

**Background Papers:**

None

**Annexes**

**Appendix A** Report of the City Centre Access Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee submitted to Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee 12.11.2012

**Appendix B** Further comments of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee from their meeting held on 20.02.2013