
Meeting of Executive Members for City Strategy and the Advisory Panel

11 December 2006

Report of the Director of City Strategy

OBJECTIONS TO THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

Summary

1. This report advises the Advisory Panel of the representations made to the advertised Traffic Regulation Orders and seeks a decision on how each item should be taken forward.

Background

2. The advertisement of several batches of Traffic Regulation Orders throughout the city was given approval by the Planning and Transport (East Area) Sub-Committee and the Meeting of Executive Members for City Strategy and the Advisory Panel. In addition, a number of smaller items were approved using officers' delegated powers. Where no objections have been received for a particular item the proposed restrictions have either been brought in to force or are due to be introduced over the coming weeks. Those items where objections to the proposals have been received are reported back to the Advisory Panel for consideration and a decision on how to take the matter forward.
3. A list of the locations for the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders where representations have been received is in Annex A.

Consultation

4. The Traffic Regulation Orders were formally advertised in the local press to give people the opportunity to send in a written representation. In addition to this legal minimum consultation, notices were also posted on the streets affected and letters were delivered to properties immediately adjacent to affected streets. The proposals were also be sent to the Local Councillors, Parish Councils, emergency services and a variety of other relevant organisations for their comments and information.
5. A précis of each representation together with officer comments and recommendations are in Annex B. Plans of each area under consideration showing the original proposals and any amendments are in Annex C.

Options

6. The options available to Members when considering objections to advertised Traffic Regulation Orders are:
 - A. To overturn the objection and approve the proposals as advertised.
 - B. To take on board the concerns raised and take no further action.
 - C. To take on board concerns raised and approve the introduction of a restriction of less severity than advertised. For example, a shorter length of restriction or a restriction that operates for less time.

Analysis

7. The analysis and recommendation for each item under consideration is included in Annex B.

Corporate Priorities

8. The annual review of Traffic Regulation Orders ties in with the corporate priorities of customer focus as the bulk of the issues raised are from local residents who have concerns or difficulties with some aspect of the control of the Highway Network. In addition, as some of the issues raised are based on safety concerns a contribution is also made to the corporate priorities of creating a safer city.

Implications

The implications of the recommendations in this report are as follows:

Financial

9. Budgets are available for the introduction of the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders.

Human Resources (HR)

10. The enforcement of the new waiting restrictions will be added to the duties carried out by the City Council's parking attendants and no additional staff will be required.

Equalities

11. There are no Equalities implications.

Legal

12. The City of York Council has authority to advertise and implement Traffic Regulation Orders.

Crime and Disorder

13. There are no Crime and Disorder implications.

Information Technology (IT)

14. There are no IT implications.

Property

15. There are no Property implications.

Other

16. There are no other implications.

Risk Management

17. The parking of vehicles on the highway is tolerated rather than allowed and all risks created by parked vehicles are the responsibility of the individual drivers concerned. Whilst the implementation of waiting restrictions aimed at preventing parking will in many cases reduce risks on the highway, the City Council does not take on the responsibility for risk if the introduction of waiting restrictions does not take place. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy there are no risks associated with the recommendations in this report.

Recommendations

18. That the Advisory Panel advise the Executive Member to:

Approve the recommendations detailed in Annexes B and C for implementation

Reason: In order to tackle the obstruction and safety issues raised.

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Background Papers: None

Annexes:

- Annex A – List of the locations for the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders where representations have been received.
- Annex B – Précis of each representation together with officer comments and recommendations.
- Annex C Plans of each site showing the proposals.