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**Water End Councillor Call for Action Task Group** 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010

Report of the Interim Head of Civic, Legal & Democratic Services

**Water End Councillor Call for Action (CCfA) Progress Report & Further Information**

**Summary**

1. The purpose of this report is to present Members of the Task Group with information received to date for analysis, including a summary of the views received at a public event held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010.
2. It also provides information on Key Objective (iii) of the review remit, statistics in relation to cycle usage along Water End and information on questions arising from a public event held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

**Background**

3. At a meeting of the Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2009 Members were asked to consider a CCfA submitted by Councillors Scott, King and Douglas in relation to traffic issues at the junction of Water Lane and Clifton Green, Westminster Road, The Avenue and Clifton Green.
4. In coming to a decision to review this topic, the Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee recognised certain key objectives and the following remit was agreed.

**Aim**

5. To determine the best solution for the problems local residents are experiencing and to look at what lessons can be learnt in order to inform the implementation of similar schemes within the city.

**Key Objectives**

- i. To establish whether local concerns still exist in the light of the Executive Member's decision
- ii. To explore whether further improvements can be made to address the current traffic issues
- iii. From experience to date, identify those measures or actions that can be taken to assist in the smooth implementation of similar schemes in the city

- iv. To understand the context of the Land Compensation Act 1973 in relation to this CCfA
6. A scoping report was presented to the Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009, which further expanded the information to be received under the key objectives of the remit.

### **Consultation**

7. To date consultation has taken place with the relevant technical officers within the Council. A public event has also been held.

### **Information Received to date**

8. A list of documents received so far is attached at Annex A to this report.
9. Information received to date, on each of the Key Objectives is attached at Annexes B, B1, B2, B3 and B4 to this report.

### **New Information for Consideration**

10. A summary of the views expressed at the public event is attached at Annexes C and C1 to this report. Officer responses to questions raised at that meeting are attached at Annex C2 and C3 to this report.
11. Members also requested the following information on key objective (iii) of the remit.

### **Information on the consultation process used for highway schemes.**

12. Annex D to this report sets out information on consultation processes for highway schemes. It also summarises the consultation exercise undertaken for the Water End/Clifton Green Cycle Scheme, and for comparison a similar summary for the A19 Fulford Multi-Modal Corridor Improvement Scheme.

### **Trial Highway Schemes**

13. A briefing note on trial highway schemes is attached at Annex E to this report.

### **Options**

14. There are no specific options for Members to consider however, they are requested to receive and analyse the information contained within the annexes to this report.

### **Analysis**

15. Members of the Task Group are requested to undertake a full analysis of the information received. All of the information contained within this report and its annexes will form part of the final report along with any analysis that the Task Group undertakes.

## Next Steps

16. A further meeting is scheduled to take place on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010 where the Task Group will consider information on:
  - The impact of displacing the current through traffic (rat-run traffic) onto the main road network
  - A comparison of the junction capacity/average delay with or without the 5 car length left turn lane on Water End with the additional traffic on the main network
17. The Task Group will also consider a draft final report and prepare their recommendations arising from the review based on all the evidence received. These will be presented to the Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee at a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

## Corporate Priorities

18. Although this topic does not directly fall in line with any of the themes in the Corporate Strategy 2009/2012, the Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee still has an obligation to address the issues raised within the formally registered CCfA. They have done this by forming a Task Group to investigate the issues. The Task Group reports directly to the Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee with their findings.

## Implications

19. **Financial** – There is a small amount of funding available within the scrutiny budget to carry out reviews. There are no other financial implications associated with the recommendations in this report however implications may arise as the review progresses.
20. **Human Resources** – There are no known Human Resources implications associated with the recommendations in this report.
21. **Legal** – There are no known legal implications associated with the recommendations within this report however the remit for this review requests that information be provided on the Land Compensation Act 1973. It may be that legal implications arise as the review progresses.
22. There are no known equalities, property, crime & disorder or other implications associated with the recommendations in this report however; implications may arise as the review progresses.

## Risk Management

23. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy there are no risks associated with the recommendations in this report however; risks may become apparent as the review progresses.

## Recommendations

24. Members of the Committee are asked to:

Consider & analyse the information received to date, which is presented in the annexes attached to this report, with a review to preparing a draft final report for the meeting scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

Reason: In order to progress this review

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**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** None

**Wards Affected:** Clifton Ward

All

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### Background Papers:

All documentation received to date is listed at Annex A to this report

### Annexes

**Annex A** Documentation received to date  
**Annex B** Information received to date  
**Annex B1** Evaluation of path conversion  
**Annex B2** John Berrill Almshouse footpath  
**Annex B3** Costings discussion paper  
**Annex B4** Briefing Note on the Land Compensation Act 1973  
**Annex C** Water End Scrutiny Task Group Public Consultation  
**Annex C1** Letter from informal traffic group  
**Annex C2** Responses to questions raised at the public event  
**Annex C3** Cycle data  
**Annex D** Consultation Process Briefing Note  
**Annex E** Trial highway scheme