
Water End Councillor Call for Action Task Group

14th April 2010

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

Water End Councillor Call for Action (CCfA) - Progress Report, Further Information & Draft Final Report

Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to present Members of the Task Group with the further information they had requested. They are also presented with a draft final report and are asked to begin to formulate the recommendations arising from this review.

Background

2. At a meeting of the Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 12th 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 End and Clifton Green, Westminster Road, The Avenue and Clifton Green.
3. 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

4. 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.
5. A scoping report was presented to the Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 8th December 2009, which further expanded the information to be received under the key objectives of the remit. It was also agreed that the work would be undertaken by a small Task Group comprised of several Members of the Committee namely Councillors D'Agorne, Holvey, Hudson and Pierce.

Consultation

6. To date consultation has taken place with the relevant technical officers within the Council. A public event has also been held to listen to the views of the public.

Information for Consideration

7. Members of the Committee had asked for the following information to be presented to them at this meeting:
 - What would the consequences be if all the traffic were on the main highway
 - What would be the impact on the main highway if Westminster Road were closed to through traffic?
 - Comparative data for off peak use of Clifton Bridge
 - A comparison of the junction capacity/average delay with or without the 5 car length 'left turn lane' on Water End, with this additional traffic on the network.
8. This information is presented at Annexes A to E of this report. Due to their size Members of the Task Group have been e-mailed Annexes D & E. Annexes D & E will not form part of the printed agenda but are available for public viewing on the Council's website.
9. The Task Group also requested a draft final report in order that they may formulate the recommendations arising from the review. The draft report and its associated annexes are attached at Annex F, F1 & F2 to this report.

Options

10. There are no specific options for Members to consider, however they are requested to receive and analyse the requested information contained within Annexes A to E of this report.
11. The Task Group are also requested to consider the draft final report attached at Annex F to this report and make any amendments they feel necessary. Alongside this they are requested to formulate the recommendations arising from this review for inclusion within that document.

Analysis

12. Members are asked to discuss all the information contained in this report and its associated annexes and to identify any key findings or issues as appropriate for inclusion within the draft final report. They are also asked to formulate some recommendations for inclusion within the draft final report.
13. Members are asked to consider the overall aim of the review set out at paragraph 4 of this review and are asked to focus any recommendations that they wish to make in this context. They are also asked to bear in mind that any recommendations they do make need to be fully evidenced within the body of the final report.
14. As part of the review the Task Group have received much documentation. They are therefore asked, at this stage of the review, to identify any specific documents they wish to be annexed to the final report.
15. A draft final report is attached at Annex F to this report and Members should consider if there are any amendments they wish to make to this document prior to it being presented to the Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee at their May meeting. The implications and risk management sections of the draft final report will be completed once the draft recommendations have been made.

Corporate Strategy 2009/2012

16. 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 had 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 directly report to the Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee with their findings.

Implications

17. **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.
18. **Human Resources** – There are no known Human Resources implications associated with the recommendations within this report.
19. **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.
20. 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.

21. As of yet it is not known whether there are will be further implications, of any nature, for the Local Authority. Once the Task Group have formulated the recommendations arising from the review then the appropriate section within the final report will be accurately completed.

Risk Management

22. 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 once the Task Group has formulated the recommendations arising from this review.

Recommendations

23. Members of the Committee are asked to:
- i. Consider and analyse all of the information received to date with a view to identifying some key findings and issues arising for inclusion within the draft final report.
 - ii. Formulate some recommendations for inclusion with the draft final report
 - iii. Consider which, if any, of the documents received as part of this review they wish to be annexed to the draft final report.

Reason: in order to progress this review.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected: Clifton Ward

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

None

Annexes

Annex A	Briefing Note – Junction Analysis
Annex B	Modelling Output
Annex C	Cycle Flow on Clifton Bridge
Annex D	Traffic Count 1 (available online)
Annex E	Traffic Count 2 (available online)
Annex F	Draft Final Report
Annex F1	Topic Registration Form
Annex F2	List of Documents Received to date