

Report of the Assistant Director Governance & ICT

**Update on Recommendations Arising from the Water End  
Councillor Call for Action (CCfA)**

**Summary**

1. This report presents Members with an update on progress made in implementing the recommendations arising from the Water End Councillor Call for Action.

**Background**

2. 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 Councillor Call for Action (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. A cross-party Task Group was set up to undertake the work and they subsequently presented the following three recommendations to the Executive on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010:

**Recommendation 1**

4. That Council Officers urgently develop new, comprehensive proposals for the Water End junctions to improve the current junction and reduce greatly traffic flows in Westminster Road/The Avenue

**Recommendation 2**

5. That the Council should, in future, use traffic models, which incorporate side streets when assessing and designing junction improvements

### **Recommendation 3**

6. That the present policy of reviewing new highway schemes only after a period of 12 months should be modified to enable a review after three months when unforeseen consequences have arisen and when Ward Members request.

### **Progress on Implementing the Recommendations Arising from the Councillor Call for Action**

7. At a meeting of Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011 the Committee signed off recommendations 2 and 3 as being fully implemented, only leaving recommendation 1 outstanding. An update on progress on recommendation 1 is set out below:

### **Recommendation 1**

8. At a meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011 the Cabinet Member for City Strategy considered 6 potential options for re-instating a separate left hand turn traffic lane on the Water End approach to the Water End/ Clifton Green Junction. He resolved:
  - a. *That the contents of the report be noted.*
  - b. *That consultation take place with local residents and interest groups regarding Option 1 (retaining both the cycle track build-out and the splitter island) and Option 5 (introducing a central cycle feeder lane between two traffic lanes whilst retaining the splitter island).*
  - c. *That, as part of the consultation in respect of Option 1, views be sought as to whether the cobbles should be removed to provide extra carriageway width.*
  - d. *That an area-wide review of signal timings for weekdays and weekends be undertaken. (Measure A - as detailed in paragraph 60 of the report)*
  - e. *That the possibility of the introduction of a point closure on Westminster Road/ The Avenue be investigated.*
9. The consultation with local residents and interest groups will be taking place in December 2011.

## **Consultation**

10. Updates have been provided by the relevant officers within the Council.

## **Options**

11. Members can choose to:
  - i. Sign off, as fully implemented, recommendation 1 of the Water End Councillor Call for Action
  - or
  - ii. Request a further update report be brought back to the Committee in 6 months time.

## **Analysis**

12. It is good practice for scrutiny committees to receive regular updates on progress made in implementing recommendations arising from completed scrutiny reviews and Councillor Call for Actions. At the January 2011 meeting of this Committee Members signed off, as fully implemented, recommendations 2 and 3 arising from the Water End Councillor Call for Action leaving recommendation 1 outstanding.
13. This report updates Members with progress made on recommendation 1 arising from the Councillor Call for Action.

## **Council Plan 2011-2015**

14. This topic is directly linked with the 'Get York Moving' theme in the new Council Plan 2011-2015.

## **Implications**

15. **Financial** – There are no known financial implications associated with the recommendations within this report. However financial implications may become apparent in relation to ongoing work on Recommendation 1 arising from the CCfA and these will be reported appropriately.
16. **Human Resources** – There are no known Human Resources implications associated with the recommendations in this report.

17. **Legal** – There are no known legal implications associated with the recommendations within this report.
18. There are no known equalities, property, crime and disorder or other implications associated with the recommendations within this report.

### **Risk Management**

19. There are no known risks associated with the recommendations within this report.

### **Recommendations**

20. Members are asked to note the update on Recommendation 1 and consider whether they wish to sign it off as fully completed.

Reason: To raise awareness of recommendations that still need to be implemented.

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**Report  
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**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** None

**Wards Affected:** Clifton Ward

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**Background Papers:**

Executive Papers - 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Executive Member for City Strategy Decision Session Papers – 7<sup>th</sup>  
December 2010

Scrutiny Management Calling In Papers – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2010

Executive Calling in Papers – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2010

Cabinet Member for City Strategy Decision Session Papers – 27<sup>th</sup>  
September 2011

Associated minutes pertaining to the above reports

**Annexes**

None