City of York Council

Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee

13th March 2012

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 12th 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. At a meeting of Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 25th January 2011 the Committee signed off 2 recommendations as being fully implemented; only leaving recommendation 1 outstanding as below:

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.

Update on Recommendation

5.   At a meeting on 27th 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.*

6.   At a meeting of Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 13th December 2011, Members asked that a further update be given at today's meeting and this is set out in paragraphs 7 and 8 below and has been provided by the Assistant Director Strategic Planning & Transport:

7.   The consultation with local residents and interest groups has now been completed. A consultation leaflet outlining the two proposed options was distributed on 22nd December 2011 within the local area to approximately 465 properties. In addition to the leaflet distribution, the same information was also made available to view on the council's website and at the council reception at 9 St. Leonard's Place. Brief details were also published in the council's 'Your Voice' magazine, which was delivered to households across the city together with the quarterly Ward Newsletters in early January 2012. Information was also posted on the Clifton Ward's 'Facebook' page. The deadline for receiving comments on the proposed options was Friday 20th January 2012.

8. The consultation feedback is being considered by Cabinet on 3rd April 2012.

Consultation

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

Options

10. Members can choose to:

   i. Sign off, as fully implemented, recommendation 1 of the Water End Councillor Call for Action,

   <u>or</u>

   ii. Request a further update report be brought back to the Committee in 6 months time.

Analysis

11. 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.

12. This report updates Members with progress made on recommendation 1 arising from the Councillor Call for Action.

Council Plan 2011-2015

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

Implications

14. **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.

15. **Human Resources** – There are no known Human Resources implications associated with the recommendations in this report.

16. **Legal** – There are no known legal implications associated with the recommendations within this report.

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

Risk Management

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

Recommendations

19. 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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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected: Clifton Ward

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Background Papers:

Executive Papers - 6th July 2010
Executive Member for City Strategy Decision Session Papers – 7th December 2010
Scrutiny Management Calling In Papers – 20th December 2010
Executive Calling in Papers – 21st December 2010
Cabinet Member for City Strategy Decision Session Papers – 27th September 2011
Associated minutes pertaining to the above reports

Annexes
None