

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 3rd April 2012 Cabinet Members considered the consultation feedback for 2 potential options for reinstating a separate left hand turn traffic lane on the Water End approach to the Water End/ Clifton Green Junction. It was resolved:

‘That Cabinet approve reinstatement Option 1, as set out at Annex B of the report, subject to future review of the junctions’ safety record and any changes in cycle uptake/decline.’ (Option 1 refers to reinstatement of the left turn traffic lane without a continuous cycle feeder lane).
6. At a meeting of Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 13th March 2012, Members asked that a further update be given at today’s meeting and this is set out in paragraphs 7 and 8 below.
7. The reinstatement of the left turn filter lane was completed at the end of August 2012.
8. Officers are discussing with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning and Sustainability the process and timing for undertaking further consultation with the residents of Westminster Road/The Avenue on a potential point closure.

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,
 - or
 - 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. This outstanding recommendation was further considered at the March 2012 meeting of this Committee where it was suggested that an update come back in 6 months time.
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.
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 the outstanding recommendation in relation to this Councillor Call for Action.

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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 - 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