

## Officer Non Key Executive Decision

<b>Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):</b>	John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member (for consultation purposes):</b>	Councillor Fred Jackson, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Climate Change
<b>Report Author (Officer name and title):</b>	Anthony Power, Parking Officer
<b>Implementation Date of Decision:</b>	28 April 2020

### New Corporation Street Transport Hub

The Borough of Blackpool (Corporation Street Transport Hub) (Various Restrictions) and (Revocations) Order 2019

#### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To seek approval for officers to proceed with the statutory consultation, advertisement and making of a proposed Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a new Transportation Hub on Corporation Street between Church Street and West Street and revoke any existing restrictions on Corporation Street as detailed within this report.

#### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To authorise the statutory consultation and advertisement of notice of the intention of the Council to make a Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to implement a no waiting at any time restriction (double yellow lines) on the east and west side, No loading / unloading at any time (double kerb bars) on the east and west, and a new loading / Taxi bay on the east side, and to revoke existing restrictions relating to Corporation Street contained in The Borough of Blackpool (Town Centre) (Various Restrictions) Experimental Order 2010, and The Borough of Blackpool (corporation Street) (Various Restrictions) and (Revocations) Order 2012.
- 2.2 If no objections are received in relation to the proposals or if any objections are received are subsequently withdrawn, to authorise the Head of Legal to make the Traffic Regulation Order.

#### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To fulfil the Traffic Management role of Blackpool Council, please see Background

Information below.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

Not to progress the proposed Traffic Regulation Order to statutory consultation and advertisement stage. To regularise the position by the removal of the existing double yellow lines and paint the double yellow lines in accordance with the provisions of the Existing Order.

#### 4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is "Create safer communities and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour "

#### 5.0 Background Information

5.1 The transport hub would provide a focus for the resort's public transport network, with the majority of buses passing through it. It should work in tandem with an upgraded transport interchange at Talbot Road, to include the new tramway extension terminus. Blackpool Transport Services' Market Street shop makes information and ticket products available throughout the day. On completion, the new transport hub area would be included within a review and refurbishment of town centre signage that would be under-taken.

5.2 The transport hub would also enable buses to be removed from Clifton Street, which is necessary to facilitate the Tramway Extension scheme. Clifton Street is intended to form the traffic diversionary route when the highway between Talbot Square and Abingdon Street becomes tram only.

5.3 Together with improving matters for existing bus users, it is intended that this scheme will help attract more people to give the bus a go. Every person on the bus instead of driving means less congestion. The bus hub will complement the growing fleet of high quality Palladium brand buses carrying people across Blackpool.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

**List of Appendices:**

- Statement of Reasons.doc
- Corporation Street Existing – PDF
- Corporation Street proposed – PDF

**6.0 Legal considerations:**

6.1 Under Section 1(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council in its capacity as traffic authority may make a traffic regulation order where it appears to the authority making the order that it is expedient to make it-

- (a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or
- (b) for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road, or
- (c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), or
- (d) for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property, or
- (e) for preserving the character of the road in a case where it is specially suitable for use by persons on horseback or on foot, or
- (f) for preserving the amenities of the area through which the road runs or
- (g) for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality).

6.2 Under Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the Council has a duty to exercise the functions conferred on it by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.

6.3 The making of a Traffic Regulation Order requires advertisement and consultation in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996

**7.0 Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 NA

**8.0 Equalities considerations:**

8.1 NA

**9.0 Financial considerations:**

9.1 NA

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 NA

**11.0 Ethical considerations:**

11.1 NA

**12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

12.1 Formal consultation with the Road Policing Unit at Hutton and other statutory consultation will be undertaken as necessary.

12.2 Notice of the intention to make the Traffic Regulation Order will be published in the Blackpool Gazette. Documents shall be made available for public inspection at Customer First, and Bickerstaffe House from the date on which the notice of proposal is first published until 6 weeks after the date the order is made or if earlier, the date on which the council decides not to make the order. Additional notification of the proposals, for example by site notices and/or notification to properties affected by the Order shall be carried out as appropriate.

**13.0 Decision of Chief Officer**

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**14.0 Reasons for the Decision of the Chief Officer**

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