

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR BARROW
Meeting date: 20 January 2020
From: Executive Director – Environment and Infrastructure

BARROW HIGHWAYS ADVISORY SUB GROUP – UPDATE REPORT FROM 17 DECEMBER 2019

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report details the discussions and recommendations of the Highways Advisory Sub-Group (HASG) for the Barrow Area which met on the 17 December 2019. It recommends that the Local Area Committee for Barrow notes the content of this report and minutes of the HASG, and agrees the recommendations at paragraph 3 below. A copy of the HASG minutes are attached as Appendix 1. A copy of the reports which went to the HASG are attached as Appendix 2.

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 The HASG will help inform and apply the County Highways policy framework. It will help to meet the County Council's key objectives of Greener, Safer, Better, Wealthier and Healthier.

2.2 The HASG will help identify equality implications within proposed highway and transportation schemes and issues of concern, and will help prepare more equitable solutions.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is recommended that the Barrow Local Committee note the minutes of the meeting of the Barrow HASG which met on the 17 December 2019, which are attached at Appendix 1. Additionally;

3.2 It is recommended Barrow Local Committee approve recommendation of the Barrow HASG and agree that The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Barrow-in-Furness) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2001) Variation Order (No. 40) 20>< ("the Order"), be brought into operation as advertised, having taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (detailed at paragraph 7.2 of the report)

3.3 *Additionally, it is recommended that Barrow Local Committee agree the recommendation of the Barrow HASG to approve the provisional Devolved Highways Capital Programme for 2020/21 (detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report), subject to final determination following the approval of the 2020/21 Council budget early in 2020.*

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 At its meeting on the 17th December the Barrow Highways Advisory Sub Group (HASG) received a number of reports and verbal updates. Initially, the group received a verbal update from Stagecoach. Discussions centred around service issues due to roadworks, the condition of the buses, bus shelters and parking issues. A number of issues will require further investigation which was agreed to be taken away and looked at.
- 4.2 Following this a further verbal update report was given, this time by Cumbria Police Authority. A number of differing issues were discussed. Members attention was drawn to problems incurred due to parked Uber Taxis on Crellin Street. Members raised several concerns regarding companies from outside the area providing a taxi service in Barrow.
- 4.3 The Sub Group was informed that the County Council's Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) were receiving abuse but were unable to collect evidence due to their Policy regarding the use of bodycams. The Police recommended that consideration of permanent use of bodycams for CEOs should be considered in future.
- 4.4 After that discussion the local Member for Dalton North highlighted an accident which had happened outside Askam Village School and asked Cumbria Police Authority if a safe parking campaign could be organised as a priority.
- 4.5 A number of other issues were discussed including speeding, anti social behaviour and winter driving. Following a lengthy discussion the Police were thanked for their attendance.
- 4.6 Following a brief discussion on Nelson St, Dalton in Furness, Members agreed that this item be deferred to a future meeting to allow a site visit to take place.
- 4.7 Members then considered a Traffic Regulation Order to implement a speed limit on Biggar Bank, this included the extension of the existing 30mph limit on Biggar Bank road and the implementation of a 40mph limit buffer zone ahead of the 30. Members were in agreement that the proposal be brought into operation. The Recommendation to Local Committee is detailed at paragraph 3.2 above.
- 4.8 A brief update report was given on the current works programme for the Barrow. Following on from this members were presented with a draft devolved capital programme for the year 2020/21. The group then finally discussed the proposed programme with a number of questions being raised. After the discussions it was agreed the draft devolved capital programme be approved subject to final determination following the approval of the 2020/21 Council budget. The Recommendation to Local Committee is detailed at paragraph 3.3 above.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 That Local Committee note the Recommendations at paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3 inclusive of this Report.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 If Local decide to approve the traffic regulation as set out in recommendation 3.2, the cost of the Order, £1500, and implementation of the proposed traffic signs and associated road markings, £5,000, would be met from the 2019/209 Traffic Scheme Design budget of £23,000. Members are asked to note that there would be some future maintenance costs, estimated at £300 per year which would need to be met from the devolved revenue budget.
- 6.2 The non principal road highways capital works are devolved to Local Committee to determine and deliver within the overall capital allocation that Council agrees and in accordance with the Council's policies and the overall objectives as laid out in the current Local Transport Plan.
- 6.3 The proposed Devolved Highways Capital allocations for 2020/21 that Local Committee are requested to consider are indicative (recommendation 3.3). The final allocation is dependent on the budget for 2020/21 being confirmed by Council at its meeting in February 2020 and any additional incentive funding being confirmed by Central Government. Once the annual budget has been determined by Council in February 20, a further report will be brought to Local Committee to finally confirm the programmes based on the approved budget.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 In relation to the Recommendation at paragraph 3.2 of this report, the County Council, as Traffic Authority, must take into consideration the matters contained in section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the 1984 Act") detailed below, in considering whether it is expedient to agree to the implementation of the Order, for the reason specified at section 1(1)(a) of the 1984 Act, namely 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.
- 7.2 Under Section 122(2), the matters which must be taken into account in exercising that duty are: -
- (a) The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;
 - (b) the effect on amenities of an area;
 - (c) the national air quality strategy prepared under section 80 of the Environment Act 1995;
 - (d) the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles; and
 - (e) any other matters appearing to the authority to be relevant.

- 7.3 Local Committees may, pursuant to Part 2D, paragraph 5.1.2 of the Constitution, approve the making of traffic regulation orders in accordance with powers under Parts I, II and IV of the Road Traffic Regulation act 1984, **except** for the making of Traffic Regulation Orders which involve the introduction for on-street residents permits, which are delegated to the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure subject to a decision of the appropriate member body to introduce such charges.
- 7.4 When allocating and moving money between budgets, Local Committee must follow the rules set by the Council following its consideration of the “Draft Revenue Budget 2019/20 and Medium Term Financial Plan (2019 – 2022) and Draft Capital Programme (2019 – 2024)” report (“the Report”) on 14 February 2019 and any such additional restrictions set by Cabinet and or Council regulating the use of such funds”

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 This report details the discussions and recommendations of the meeting of the HASG on 17 December 2019 and recommends that the Local Committee note, and agree, where applicable, the Recommendations in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3 inclusive of this Report.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Minutes of the Barrow HASG 17 December 2019

Appendix 2 - Reports to Barrow HASG on 17 December 2019

Electoral Divisions: All Barrow

Executive Decision

	No
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Key Decision

	No
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If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?

		N/A
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Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?

	No
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If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?

		N/A
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Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny?

	No
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If so, give details below.

Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

		N/A
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Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?

		N/A
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N.B. If an executive decision is made, then a decision cannot be implemented until the expiry of the eighth working day after the date of the meeting – unless the decision is urgent and exempt from call-in and necessary approvals have been obtained.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS
[including Local Committees]

No previous relevant decisions.

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers and delete the line above.

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