

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR BARROW
Meeting date: 6 March 2020
From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure

BARROW HIGHWAYS ADVISORY SUB GROUP – UPDATE REPORT FROM 14 FEBRUARY 2020

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 14 February 2020. It recommends that the Local Area Committee for Barrow notes the minutes of the HASG and agree the recommendation at paragraph 3.2 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 14 February 2020, which are attached at Appendix 1. Additionally;*

3.2 *It is also recommended that Barrow Local Committee agree the recommendation in minute 34 of the Barrow HASG 14 February 2020 regarding Sandy Gap Traffic regulation Variation No. 41 that will allow officers;*

“to proceed to statutory consultation and advertisement of a variation to The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Barrow-in-Furness) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) Order 2001, (“Variation Order No. 41”) in respect of the restrictions as set out in Appendices 3 and 4 to this report, to revoke the one way traffic order and replace with a prohibition of traffic order on part of Sandy Gap Lane, Walney, having taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which were more specifically referred to in paragraph 7.2 of the report to the Barrow HASG which is attached as Appendix 2 to this report”.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 At the last meeting of the Barrow HASG members received a number of reports and updates on progress of schemes and projects and updates from outside bodies. The initial report presented was an update on recent work from United Utilities. Members received an update on the works which had been undertaken on the ten prioritised back streets in Barrow. It was explained that repairs to lateral sewers and some main sewer repairs had been completed in the Lincoln/Stafford Street areas and that resurfacing had been undertaken.
- 4.2 Following discussion on numerous other issues including a burst main on Walney on ongoing investigation the Chair thanked United Utilities for their attendance.
- 4.3 Following this the HASG received a verbal update from Cumbria Police Authority. Issues discussed included cycling in the Town centre, illegally parked Uber taxis and access onto the A590 for Police vehicles. The Police were thanked for their continued support and attendance at the HASG meetings.
- 4.4 The group then received a report from the Scheduled Bus Services Officer regarding bus provision within the Borough. This focussed on bus service changes in Barrow and the provision of bus shelters in the area. A discussion took place regarding the provision of bus shelters and members were informed that the County Council did not own bus shelters and they were normally provided and maintained by borough, district, town and parish councils. It was explained that in Barrow a number of shelters were owned and maintained by the Borough Council, but there were also a large number of shelters provided by advertising company ‘ClearChannel’ in return for approval to sell advertising space.
- 4.5 Following this discussions took place on the age of the bus fleet within the Borough. Stagecoach informed the group that this is a commercial decision. It was noted that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Committee would be meeting the Managing Director of Stagecoach the following week to discuss this matter further.

- 4.6 The next report was a report which sought a recommendation to agree to proceed to statutory consultation and advertisement of a proposed Prohibition of Motor Vehicles restriction, to replace an existing One-Way traffic restriction on Sandy Gap Lane, Walney. The Traffic Regulation Order was to be entirely funded by the applicant so there was no cost to the Local Committee. It was seen this was a more suitable regulation at this location. Members agreed that this be recommended to the Local Committee.
- 4.7 The next report on traffic on Nelson Street Dalton was deferred allowing time to prepare a report following a recent site visit by members and officers.
- 4.8 The final written report was an update on the Barrow works programme for 2019/20. During the discussion members thanked officers for the work undertaken on the new signalised junction onto the bridge and suggestions were made on slight improvements in the operation which were agreed to be taken away and looked at.
- 4.9 Finally members were given a short verbal update on the work the Borough Council were undertaking on electric vehicle charge points. A recent workshop had been held and presented by the Energy Saving Trust. It was suggested that this could be presented to members at a future meeting.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 That Local Committee agree the Recommendations at paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 of this Report.
- 5.2 That Local Committee do not agree the recommendations at paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 of this report.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct resource implications arising from the recommendation to note the minutes of the meeting of the Barrow HASG which met on the 14 February 2020, which are attached at Appendix 1 (recommendation 3.1).
- 6.2 If Local Committee decide to agree the recommendation in minute 34 of the Barrow HASG 14 February 2020 regarding Sandy Gap Traffic regulation Variation No. 41 (recommendation 3.1) the estimated £3,500 cost of progressing and implementing the proposed Variation Order would be met by Sandy Gap CIC. Local Committee are also asked to note that if the Variation Order was subsequently implemented, future maintenance costs estimated not to exceed £100 in any one year would need to be met from within the Highways Revenue budget devolved to Local Committee for that year.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The legal implications in respect of the recommendation at paragraph 3.2 of this report were set out in the report to the Barrow HASG which is attached as Appendix 2 to this report.

8.0 CONCLUSION

8.1 This report details the discussions and recommendations of the meeting of the HASG on 14 February 2020 and recommends that the Local Committee note Recommendations in paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 of this Report.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Minutes of the Barrow HASG 14 February 2020
Appendix 2 - Reports to Barrow HASG on 14 February 2020

Electoral Divisions: All Barrow

Executive Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny? If so, give details below.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.

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