

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR BARROW
Meeting date: 7 July 2020
From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure

BARROW HIGHWAYS ADVISORY SUB GROUP – UPDATE REPORT FROM 4 JUNE 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 4 June 2020. It recommends that the Local Area Committee for Barrow notes the minutes of the HASG and agrees, where applicable, 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 4 June 2020, which are attached at Appendix 1. Additionally;

3.2 It is also recommended that in relation to minute 44 of the minutes of the Barrow HASG 4th June 2020 and the report relating to the Alfred Barrow Health Centre that Barrow Local Committee agree to an assessment of the crossing of Duke Street from the patient car park to the health centre to be funded from the APM Speed Monitoring budget; and the results be considered at a future meeting of the Barrow Highways Advisory Sub-Group.

- 3.3** *Additionally, it is recommended that in relation to minute 45 of the meeting on the 4 June 2020 and that Local Committee approve the Devolved Highways Capital Programme for 2020/21 with reference to the APM budget 'Traffic Scheme Design' allocation (referred to in Appendix 1 to this report) and the specific schemes that officers recommend (as detailed in paragraphs 4.7–4.10 inclusively and 4.13 of the report which is attached as Appendix 2 to this report).*
- 3.4** *Finally, it is recommended that in relation to minute 46 of the meeting of Barrow HASG 4 June 2020 relating to traffic management measures on Nelson St Dalton in Furness, that Local Committee agree for this to be included in the 2020/2021 Traffic Scheme Design allocation within the devolved capital budget.*

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. The initial report presented was a verbal update from Stagecoach. It was noted that during COVID-19 Stagecoach had provided minimal services and had furloughed 60% of their staff. It was explained a service had still been provided for every route on a half hour or hourly basis with no late service after 8.00 pm.
- 4.2** Members were informed from 1 June almost all bus drivers had returned to work and nearly all services were back to normal with the exception of the late X6 which had been cancelled for the time being. It was anticipated that a full service would be resumed at the beginning of July as more restrictions were lifted. Members thanked Stagecoach for the update
- 4.3** Following this members received report which sought agreement to proceed with an assessment of a crossing of Duke Street from the patient car park to the new health centre; with the results to be taken to a future meeting of Barrow HASG. Members drew attention to the representation which had been made by NHS in May 2019 regarding concerns raised by a patient regarding the crossing on Duke Street and felt this should have been taken into consideration.
- 4.4** Whilst discussing the crossing members also raised issues with parking on sections of Duke St. Members felt that this stretch of highway should either be made 'No Waiting At Any Time' or 'No Loading At Any Time' officers agreed to look into this possibility.
- 4.5** The HASG then considered a report which sought agreement to the proposed Devolved Highways Capital Programme 2020/21 with regard to the Annual Package of Measures (APM) Traffic Scheme Design allocation. It was explained that an allocation of £25,000 was made to 'Traffic Scheme Design' as part of the Barrow Local Committee Devolved Highways Capital Programme 2020/2021 for APM at its meeting on 6 March 2020.
- 4.6** During the discussion a number of issues were considered by members including potential one way systems, the placing of bollards and parking restrictions. The report put forward a number of potential schemes and recommended a number of them be progressed this year.

- 4.7 Members then discussed the merits of schemes identified in the report but not recommended for progression this year following this discussion and subsequent vote the officer's recommendation was approved.
- 4.8 The HASG then considered a report updating the discussions for possible traffic management measures for Nelson Street in Dalton-in-Furness. It was explained this was in response to concerns raised by the Town Council and local Member regarding vehicles mounting pavements and general road safety issues.
- 4.9 This report had followed a site meeting earlier in the year and suggested that a number of small scale traffic management interventions were considered to be implemented including some parking restrictions and bollards. The HASG agreed that this scheme should be progressed this year.
- 4.10 Following this members received short update on the current Barrow works programmed. Although ongoing restrictions had limited progress on the delivery it was anticipated that a full programme could be completed this year. Following questions members were happy with the report.
- 4.11 The meeting closed with a number of queries in the AOB section of the agenda.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 That Local Committee note, and agree, where applicable, the Recommendations at paragraphs 3.1 to 3.4 of this Report.
- 5.2 Alternatively, members may not agree the recommendations and may suggest changes where relevant.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct resource implications arising from recommendation 3.1 to note the minutes of the meeting of the Barrow HASG which met on the 4 June 2020.
- 6.2 Local Committee may allocate resources within the devolved capital budgets to specified programmes of Highways work subject to Corporate Policy and Service Standards (paragraph 5.1).
- 6.3 If Local Committee decide to agree to an assessment of the crossing of Duke Street (recommendation 3.2) the estimated cost of £1,000 could be met from the APM Speed Monitoring allocation within the devolved capital budget. The resource implications for any proposed expenditure following assessment of the crossing would be for further consideration by Local Committee at that stage.
- 6.4 If Local Committee decide to agree to agree the proposed traffic scheme design allocations (recommendations 3.3 and 3.4), they could be met from within the devolved capital budget from the £25,000 that Local Committee have previously earmarked for APM traffic scheme design. The resource implications for any subsequent proposed expenditure following on from the proposed scheme design would be for further consideration by Local Committee at that stage.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Local Committees may, pursuant to Part 2D, paragraph 5.1.2 f) of the Constitution, agree and keep under review the implementation of, the highways revenue budget and capital programme for the local committee's area to support the Council to carry out its statutory duty to maintain the highway in a safe condition as far as reasonably practicable.
- 7.2 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 2020/21 and Medium Term Financial Plan (2020 – 2025) and Draft Capital Programme (2020 – 2025)" report ("the Report") on 13 February 2020 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 4 June 2020 and recommends that the Local Committee note, and agree, where applicable, the Recommendations in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.4 inclusive of this Report.

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APPENDICES

- Appendix 1** - **Minutes of the Barrow HASG 4 June 2020**
Appendix 2 - **Reports to Barrow HASG on 4 June 2020**

Electoral Divisions: All Barrow

Executive Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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"/>	N/A
Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny? If so, give details below.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

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Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?

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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.

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