

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR BARROW
Meeting date: 18 November 2020
From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure

BARROW HIGHWAYS ADVISORY GROUP – UPDATE REPORT FROM 13 OCTOBER 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 13 October 2020. It recommends that the Local Area Committee for Barrow notes the minutes of the HASG and 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 13 October 2020, which are attached at Appendix 1. Additionally;

3.2 It is also recommended that Local Committee agree the recommendation of the Barrow HASG on 13th October 2020, recorded at Minute 58, namely that Barrow Local Committee agree 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. 42”) in respect of the restrictions (set out in Appendix 1 of the report to the HASG), having taken into consideration the matters

contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (which were more specifically referred to at paragraph 7.2 of the report to HASG).

- 3.3** *Following that it is also recommended that Barrow Local Committee agree the recommendation of the Barrow HASG on 13th October 2020, recorded at Minute 61, namely that Barrow Local Committee approve the Provisional Devolved Highways Capital Programme for 2021/22 (detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report to HASG), subject to final determination following the approval of the 2021/22 Council budget early in 2021.*

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 At the last meeting of the Barrow HASG members received several reports and updates on progress of schemes and projects. Initially members received a verbal update from Stagecoach. A number of issues were discussed including the current pandemic traffic congestion and electric buses. Following questions and discussions Stagecoach were thanked by the HASG for their attendance.
- 4.2 Following this members received a presentation on Barrow in Furness Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) which were a strategic approach to identifying cycling and walking improvements for a given area and had a long-term approach to developing walking and cycling networks, ideally over a ten year period. It was explained the LCWIPs formed a vital part of the Government's strategy to increase the number of trips made by foot or cycle.
- 4.3 Concern was raised regarding the problems being encountered engaging with schools due to the current pandemic. Members were asked to encourage all head teachers in their divisions to attend the workshops being delivered.
- 4.4 Members then received a Briefing note on the Safer Streets Fund, Barrow – Road Lighting Improvement Scheme. Members were informed that a bid for Barrow in Furness had been successful and the Home Office and Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) had awarded a total of £436,994. It was explained that following detailed assessments, the OPCC, in conjunction with Cumbria Constabulary had identified Salthouse Road and the immediate surrounding area to target.
- 4.5 Members raised a few concerns with the project including; maintenance lighting of back streets and consultation. It was agreed that a further meeting be held to discuss the scheme in more depth at the earliest opportunity.
- 4.6 A briefing note was then presented to members which provided an update on Biggar Bank Road with regards to road safety in response to concerns raised by the local Member for Walney South following a recent incident and discussion with residents and a representative of the riding school.
- 4.7 A discussion followed regarding the locality and possible next steps officers were thanked for their support and the local member agreed to attend a future CRASH meeting to consider this matter further.

- 4.8 A progress briefing note was then presented to members given the group an update on the Barrow Consolidation Traffic Regulation Order Variation No 39 – The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Barrow-in-Furness) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2001) Variation Order (No 39) 20><.
- 4.9 Members then discussed the detail of the proposals suggesting alterations and options at a number of locations. The group were asked to forward any further comments on the order direct to the Traffic Management Team Leader. It was agreed that a full report regarding the Traffic Regulation Order with recommendations as to the making of the Order permanent would be presented to the Local Committee at its meeting on 18 November 2020.
- 4.10 A second report on Traffic Regulation Orders was then presented to the Group this report sought a recommendation to agree to proceed to statutory consultation and advertisement of a number of proposed restrictions across the Barrow Borough Area.
- 4.11 Members were informed that the proposals were principally for safety reasons, to aid traffic flow and improve visibility. It was noted there were also proposals to make six existing advisory disabled parking places mandatory, by including them in the next Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) variation, so that they were enforceable and a proposal for the removal of one existing disabled parking space which was no longer required.
- 4.12 The HASG then considered a Briefing Note which informed them of the Environmental Cutting Policy and protection of biodiversity on the highway verges within Cumbria following a request by members for information on the preservation of biodiversity on land owned by the County Council. Members thanked the officer for the briefing report.
- 4.13 Members then were given an update on the current years works programme and following discussion noted the report. This was then followed by a draft provisional devolved capital programme report for 2021/22. Members were informed this programme was subject to final approval of budgets by full Council in February 2021 and following that a final programme would come to before Local Committee. Members approved the provisional report.
- 4.14 Following a number of queries raised in any other business the meeting came to a close.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 That Local Committee note the Recommendation at paragraph 3.1 of this Report.
- 5.2 Additionally, that members agree the Recommendations in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 of this report
- 5.3 Alternatively, members may not agree to the recommendations in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 of this report.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct resource implication arising from recommendation 3.1 to note this report.
- 6.2 If it is decided to agree recommendation 3.2 and following statutory consultation the proposed Variation Order were to proceed through to implementation of the restriction markings and signs, the estimated cost would be £10,000 which could be met from the Review of Traffic Regulations allocation agreed by Local Committee within the devolved Highways Capital budget. Members are asked to note that should the scheme following consultation be implemented there would be ongoing maintenance costs estimated at £800 each year to be met from within the devolved Highways Revenue budget for that year.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 The proposed allocations of the devolved highways capital budget in appendices 1 and 2 of the report to HASG are indicative (recommendation 3.2). The final allocation is dependent on the budget for 2021/22 being confirmed by Council at its meeting in February 2021 and any additional incentive funding being confirmed by Central Government. Once the annual budget has been determined by Council in February 2021, a further report will be brought to HASG and Local Committee to confirm the programmes based on the approved budget.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The legal implications in respect of the Recommendation at paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 were more specifically detailed in the report to the 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 13 October 2020 and recommends that the Local Committee note, and agree, where applicable, Recommendations in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3 inclusive of this Report.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Minutes of the Barrow HASG 13 October 2020
Appendix 2 - Reports to Barrow HASG on 13 October 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

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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