

<b>COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR BARROW</b>
<b>Meeting date: 17 March 2023</b>
<b>From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure</b>

**BARROW HIGHWAYS ADVISORY SUB-GROUP -**  
**14 FEBRUARY 2023**

**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 2023. It recommends that the Local Area Committee for Barrow notes the minutes of the HASG. 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 2023, which are attached at Appendix 1.***

**4.0 BACKGROUND**

**4.1 *At its meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> February Barrow Highways Advisory Sub Group (HASG) received a number of reports and updates reports from a variety of stakeholders and County Council Officers invited to the meeting.***

- 4.2 The first report was a verbal update from Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service. The Sub-Group was advised of the imminent safe and legal transfer on 1 April 2023 of Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service to the Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner as part of the Local Government Re organisation (LGR).
- 4.3 Members were also informed that issues with regards to arson and fire had improved over recent months which it was felt was partly due to interventions and the positive work undertaken by the community hub. The Chair thanked the Manager for his update.
- 4.4 Following this members received a verbal update from the Operations Manager, Stagecoach. The Sub Committee was advised that new small buses were not planned for Barrow due to the difficulty in obtaining the vehicles required. The Chair of the Sub Group raised his concerns regarding the condition of the town buses and the lack of space on the vehicles for wheelchairs and prams. The Operations Manager acknowledged the concerns raised and informed members that the double decker vehicles would be replaced in the next couple of months with existing buses from the Kendal area but would not have any additional space for wheelchairs and prams.
- 4.5 A discussion then took place regarding illegal parking and bus access and issues regarding winter maintenance and problems the bus services encountered. The Chair, on behalf of the Sub-Group, congratulated Stagecoach in Barrow on their recent UK Bus Award and welcomed the update.
- 4.6 The Sub Group received a verbal update from the Parking Team Leader - South. Members were informed that enforcement was now taking place at the Furness General Hospital and Dalton in Furness. Members were also advised of the ongoing issues caused by food delivery drivers on Crellin Street and the pedestrianised area.
- 4.7 The Group then considered a report by the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which presented an overview of Flood and Development Management activities in the Barrow area noting the latest position regarding each application.
- 4.8 Following discussions including flooding issues in Roosecote and the potential development at Salthouse Mills. The Chair of the Sub Group emphasised the need to consider access for emergency vehicles when agreeing planning applications.
- 4.9 A verbal update was then presented on the cycle lanes provided along Bridge and Michaelson Rd. The Sub-Group were informed that a lessons learnt exercise had been undertaken on completion of the scheme with issues identified being taken into account for future projects.
- 4.10 In addition a stage 3 Road Safety Audit was also being undertaken on the scheme with a view to reviewing any findings the audit may bring forward.
- 4.11 A Briefing note was then presented to the group which provided an update on the plan to establish a new parking arrangement at Preston St, Barrow in Furness. Officers explained the new parking arrangement would allow improved parking regulation enforcement on Preston Street with an aim to reduce the occurrence of any parking obstructions. Members were informed

that the request would be incorporated into schemes for amendment to Traffic Regulation Orders for consideration by Westmorland and Furness Authority post vesting day on 1 April 2023.

4.12 The final report provided an update on the Barrow Works Programme 2022/23. Members were informed it was anticipated that all schemes would be delivered by the end of the current financial year.

## 5.0 OPTIONS

5.1 That the local committee note report and attached minutes of the Barrow HASG dated 14 February 2023.

## 6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising out of the recommendations in this report as it is to note only.

## 7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no legal implications relating to the recommendations in this report as it is to note only.

## 8.0 CONCLUSION

8.1 This report details the discussions and recommendations of the meeting of the Barrow HASG on 14 February 2023 and recommends that the Local Committee note the Minutes of the HASG which are attached as Appendix 1.

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**Executive Director - Economy and Infrastructure**

*February 2023*

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## APPENDICES

**Appendix 1 - Minutes of the Barrow HASG 14 February 2023**  
**Appendix 2 - Reports to Barrow HASG on 14 February 2023**

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?  
If so, give details below.

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Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

		N/A
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Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?

	No	
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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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