

Cabinet Meeting Resolution

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**Public Realm and Highway Improvement Scheme for High Street/Northumberland Place: Options for Orange Grove/Terrace Walk**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	9-Nov-11
<b>The Issue</b>	<i>Presents proposed parking options for Orange Grove/Terrace Walk in context of High St public realm scheme. Cabinet will be asked to select their preferred option for Orange Grove/Terrace Walk, to form basis of subsequent TRO process and to delegate authority for the development and delivery of the High St/Northumberland Place scheme to Strategic Director of Development and Major Projects, in consultation with Cabinet Member Sustainable Development.</i>
<b>The decision</b>	<p>(1) To AGREE that the preferred option for Orange Grove/Terrace Walk (from the three options presented in the report) is OPTION 1: Taxi rank in front of Orange Grove (in front of shops) and 2 right-hand door tourist coach bays in Terrace Walk;</p> <p>(2) To NOTE that this option will subsequently be the subject of a Traffic Regulation Order report to the Cabinet Member for Transport to be determined under the Single Member Decision process;</p> <p>(3) To DELEGATE authority for the final development and delivery of the detailed scheme for High Street and Northumberland Place to the Strategic Director (Development and Major Projects), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development.</p>
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	<p>The option chosen for Orange Grove has been determined on the grounds of traffic management. This option will allow further consultation as part of the Traffic Regulation Order statutory process. Cabinet take the view that moving coaches away from the immediate vicinity of Orange Grove and the High street would be a first step towards eventual pedestrianisation of the Abbey, Guildhall and High Street.</p> <p>The High Street and Northumberland Place scheme is the first major public space scheme to come forward to deliver the Council's approved Public Realm and Movement Strategy and associated delivery programme.</p>
<b>Other options considered</b>	<p><b>High Street:</b> A range of options for city centre public spaces to be transformed through the PRMP were assessed in consultation with internal and external stakeholders. This resulted and prioritised into a 5-year programme which has been tested with a range of internal and external stakeholders. This will be reviewed on an on-going basis in line with the Council's priorities and objectives and the availability of capital funding.</p> <p><b>Orange Grove/Terrace Walk:</b> A range of different options, suggested by officers of the Council and</p>

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external stakeholders for the allocation of the taxi rank and tourist coach drop-off points were explored and tested. The three options presented within this report represent the three technically feasible and deliverable options that have emerged from the process.

**The Decision is subject to Call-In within 5 working days of publication of the decision**