

**Single Member Cabinet Decision**

**Executive  
Forward Plan  
Reference**

**E2370**

**Proposal to dispense with the requirement to advertise road closures made under the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 in newspapers**

<b>Decision makers</b>	Cllr Roger Symonds, Cabinet Member for Transport; Paul Crossley, Leader of the Council
<b>The Issue</b>	Advertising Town Police Clauses Act 1847 (TPCA) road closures in a newspaper is current B&NES policy, but not a legal requirement. This report seeks authority to amend the policy to dispense with newspaper advertisement, which will represent significant cost savings for the Council.
<b>Decision Date</b>	12 March 2012
<b>The decision</b>	The Cabinet Members agree that:  B&NES policy on road closures organised under the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 is amended to dispense with the need to advertise such closures in local newspapers.  Authorisation is granted to the Divisional Director Environmental Services to take all necessary action to advertise the change in policy
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	There is no legal requirement to advertise TPCA road closures in the press, and alternative means of advertising, and consulting upon, such proposals, exist, and are considered adequate. Dispensing with the need to advertise in the press will save the Council £350 or more per closure, and is likely to save the Council up to £10,000 in 2012/13, if the number of Jubilee closure applications is similar to that for last year's Royal Wedding.
<b>Financial and budget implications</b>	Dispensing with the need to advertise TPCA closures in the press constitutes a saving to the Council. Currently all such advertising is paid for by the Council, with costs starting at around £350 for a basic closure, and rising for more complicated events. The number of TPCA closures varies from year to year, however in years with special events, such as last year's Royal Wedding, and this year's Jubilee celebrations, the numbers of TPCA applications increases significantly. Dispensing with advertising in 2012 is likely to save the Council approximately £10,000 on Jubilee closures alone.
<b>Issues considered</b>	Corporate; Other Legal Considerations

<b>Consultation undertaken</b>	Cabinet members; Staff; Other B&NES Services Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer
<b>How consultation was carried out</b>	This report has been circulated to all the above.
<b>Other options considered</b>	None

<b>Signatures of Decision Makers</b>	
<b>Date of Signature</b>	

**Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision**