

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive  
Forward Plan  
Reference

**E2375**

**Experimental TRO – Change to Bus Lane & Bus Lane  
Signage at High Street and New Bond St Bus Lane Access  
Points.**

<b>Decision makers</b>	Cllr Paul Crossley, Leader of the Council Cllr Roger Symonds, Cabinet Member for Transport
<b>The Issue</b>	The Bath and North East Somerset Council (Various Road, Bath) (Bus Lane) (Variation) Experimental TRO came into operation on 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2012 for a maximum period of eighteen months. The Order was introduced to make the bus lane restrictions on High Street and New Bond Street clearer and to allow the Council to monitor the effectiveness of the revised signage. The Experimental TRO is shortly due to expire and a decision is required as to whether it should be made permanent.
<b>Decision Date</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> February 2013
<b>The decision</b>	The Cabinet Members agree that the Experimental TRO is made permanent.
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	Following the hearing of the Traffic Penalty Tribunal the signing has been improved in accordance with their recommendations. The signing now makes the restriction clearer to road users. There is less impact on the street scene and environment with this signing than the original 'blue and white' bus lane signing.
<b>Financial and budget implications</b>	When the new signs for the Experimental Order together with removal of the original bus lane signs and road markings removed the cost was £18,000. Further recent alterations to the signing carried out in accordance with the Traffic Penalty Tribunal recommendations have cost a further £1626.52. The cost of making the TRO permanent will be approximately £1000 in staff time. Funding for the completion of the scheme will be from the existing parking budget.
<b>Issues considered</b>	Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Human Resources; Property; Corporate; Health & Safety; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations
<b>Consultation undertaken</b>	Ward Councillor; Cabinet colleagues; Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Local Residents; Community Interest Groups; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer.

<b>How consultation was carried out</b>	The above were consulted by letter and formal consultation. The period from the implementation of the Experimental Order is the consultation period. Objections and comments can be received during this period.
<b>Other options considered</b>	'No Entry' signs with plates under the signs stating '10 am to 6 pm' except buses and taxis' have been considered. However these signs are not authorised for use as bus lane signs and the Council would need to approach the Department for Transport to see if it would be willing to authorise the Council to pilot these signs for this particular purpose.

<b>Signatures of Decision Makers</b>	
<b>Date of Signature</b>	
<b>Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision</b>	