

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Cllr Clarke, Cabinet Member for Transport	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	On or after 8th May 2017	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E2957
TITLE:	A4 LONDON ROAD FULL BUDGET APPROVAL	
WARD:	Walcot	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report: None		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The resolution of the existing Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (“ETROs”) for the London Road.
- 1.2 To review the performance of the scheme and comments received and, where it is deemed beneficial, implement improvement works.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Cabinet Member is asked to agree that the £200,000 provision approval in the 2017/18 Budget be given full approval in order to resolve the ETROs and for improvement works.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 £200,000 has been provisionally approved in the 2017/18 Capital Budget which will be funded through Corporate Supported Borrowing.
- 3.2 The works will improve existing assets and will be revenue neutral.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 One of the Council’s Visions is to create neighbourhoods where people are proud to live and feel safer. The proposal will ensure the ETROs are resolved, before they expire, ensuring continuity of legal enforcement. This will allow the scheme to function as designed with the resulting benefits.

5 THE REPORT

5.1 In May 2015 The London Road Regeneration Scheme (“Scheme”) was completed, which sought, amongst other things, to arrest the environmental decline of a major gateway in Bath through initiatives to improve the street scene by providing cycling/ pedestrian and public realm improvements. One outcome of the Scheme was to ensure that the London Road would be a positive entry point into Bath further enhancing the City’s reputation as a world class visitor attraction.

5.2 Whilst the main works are complete, the ETROs remain unresolved and the following works are proposed:

- Resolution of the ETROs for:
 - the mandatory cycle lane
 - parking and loading restrictions
- Review of performance of the scheme and comments received and, where it is deemed beneficial, implement improvement works.

5.3 Ward Members and key stakeholders will be involved and given opportunities to comment on any proposed improvements

6 RATIONALE

6.1 ETROs have been used to assess how the current on-road cycling facility and parking/loading restrictions have performed under the Road Traffic Act 1984. These will expire 9th June 2017 and 22 September 2017 respectively, preventing continuing legal enforcement, which could lead to traffic violations. Resolution of these ETROs will be required through a Single Member Decision in advance of the above dates.

6.2 The performance of the scheme, and comments received during the period of the ETROs, will be reviewed and, where it is deemed beneficial, improvement works will be implemented within the budget approval.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 None

8 CONSULTATION

9 8.1 THE COUNCIL’S MONITORING OFFICER, HIGHWAYS, AND SECTION 151 OFFICER HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO INPUT TO THIS REPORT. RISK MANAGEMENT

9.1 A risk assessment related to the issues and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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Background papers	None

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