

**Cabinet Meeting Resolution**

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**E3303**

**Cleveland Bridge update and options report**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	9-Sep-21
<b>The Issue</b>	An update report on the work completed to date on Cleveland Bridge and a review of the long term options to achieve Council aims
<b>The decision</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> (unanimously) that the Cabinet agreed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Work with Wiltshire and Dorset Councils and the Sub-Regional Transport Board (STB) Western Gateway to complete a strategic study into north-south connectivity between the M4 and the Dorset Coast with an aim of making the A350 the strategic route and limiting HGV use of Cleveland Bridge as part of the Governments Road Investment Strategy 2 (2020-25).</li> <li>2) Assess and review the position after completion of the study, recognising that any investment that would resolve the core issue would be considered, at the earliest, as part of the Road Investment Strategy 3 which covers the period 2025-30. The study would also inform discussions between BANES and the other stakeholders. It is considered that this approach is the one most likely to result in a positive outcome for both B&amp;NES and the other stakeholders involved.</li> <li>3) Continue to make representations to Government about the need to improve the traffic situation at Cleveland Bridge, highlighting the changes to road conditions within Bath and the wider area since 2012 such as the changes to the A350 as part of the planned improvement and upgrade and the introduction of the Clean Air Zone in Bath.</li> <li>4) Officers are requested to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Prepare a draft Traffic Regulation Order seeking to restrict HGV movements over Cleveland Bridge in order to preserve or improve the amenity of the area through which the road runs, in this case the grade 2* listed Cleveland Bridge structure and environs including the London Road and Bathwick St, in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.</li> <li>B. Investigate and consider any other options that may exist for achieving a similar end to a TRO and report on both actions including the draft TRO to the November meeting of this Cabinet.</li> <li>C. Consult with appropriate heritage and amenity groups in Bath including Residents' Associations in the course of preparation of the TRO.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) travelling through Bath have been a concern for many years, particularly along A4 London Road, over Cleveland Bridge and A36 Bathwick Street. Local residents are concerned about the contribution made by HGVs to poor air quality, road safety issues, intimidation experienced by vulnerable road users and

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	<p>damage to the Bath World Heritage Site. Cleveland Bridge is currently being repaired and a temporary Traffic Regulation Order restricting HGVs over 18 tonnes from using the bridge is in place. Once the refurbishment works are completed the temporary weight restriction will no longer apply and the route will continue to form part of Primary Route Network with unrestricted use. This report examines the options available to the Council to improve the traffic situation at Cleveland Bridge as well as improving air quality and safety throughout the city.</p>
<b>Other options considered</b>	<p>The only other option identified is to take no further action. However, this option has been discounted because it is clear that the current traffic situation on Cleveland Bridge is a significant environmental issue which must be tackled in the most effective way possible.</p>
<b>The Decision is subject to Call-In within 5 working days of publication of the decision</b>	