

Single Member Cabinet Decision

**Executive
Forward Plan
Reference**

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Lower Lansdown Liveable Neighbourhood

Decision maker/s	Cllr Manda Rigby, Cabinet Member for Highways
The Issue	<p>The Liveable Neighbourhood Strategy was approved in December 2020, and applications were subsequently sought for Liveable Neighbourhood schemes and Residents' Parking Zones in communities throughout Bath and North East Somerset (B&NES).</p> <p>Following the introduction of 3 Liveable Neighbourhood trial schemes in 2022, the Council has identified a further 3 Liveable Neighbourhood areas, featuring 5 shortlisted measures suitable for trialling from Spring 2024. These areas are Lower Lansdown, Sydney Road and New Sydney Place and the Lyme Road and Charmouth Road area (Appendix A of the Single Member Decision report).</p> <p>The proposed trials for Lower Lansdown and The Circus area feature three linked through-traffic restrictions, the aim of which is to address excessive traffic on residential roads often used as shortcuts to and from the A46/M4. They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A through-traffic restriction on Catharine Place;• A no entry into Gay Street from its junction with George Street; supplemented by a left-turn only onto George Street from Gay Street (preventing southbound vehicles from travelling straight on to Queens Square).• A through-traffic restriction in Winifred's Lane; supplemented by a no-right turn into Sion Hill from the northern end of Cavendish Road. <p>As these trial schemes are linked, it is intended that they will be delivered as one package i.e., if a decision was made not to proceed with one of the schemes, then the remaining schemes would also not be progressed.</p>
Decision Date	2 February 2024
The decision	<p>The Cabinet Member agrees to:</p> <p>Note the support identified in Lower Lansdown and the Circus Area Co-development Workshop during the Liveable Neighbourhood co-design process, which identified a need to reduce speeding through-traffic on residential roads often used as short-cuts to and from the A46/M4.</p> <p>Make a decision, using an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) to proceed with the implementation of a trial through-traffic restriction on:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catharine Place between its junction with Margaret’s Buildings and River Street Mews; • A no entry into Gay Street from its junction with George Street; supplemented by a left-turn only onto George Street from Gay Street (preventing southbound vehicles from travelling straight on to Queens Square). • A through-traffic restriction in Winifred's Lane; supplemented by a no-right turn into Sion Hill from the northern end of Cavendish Road. <p>Note the intention to proceed at pace with the implementation of the trials as soon as these decisions and the subsequent ETRO’s have been confirmed.</p> <p>Note that the total grant award from the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority will be £736k for five proposed ETRO schemes mentioned in para 1.2.</p> <p>Delegate approval to the Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the s151 officer, to accept the grant from the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority when it is provided and specifically approve an increase to the capital budget for Liveable Neighbourhoods by £311.1k for this decision. Until this point, the incurred costs will be met with funds earmarked from the Council’s own local match contribution.</p>
<p>Rationale for decision</p>	<p>To enable the project to maintain its current timetable and deliver maximum benefit and value to the community as soon as possible.</p>
<p>Financial and budget implications</p>	<p>Funding to implement the Liveable Neighbourhoods programme has been allocated through the CRSTS fund. The Council has requested early release of funding amounting to £736k, prior to the approval of the full business case for the wider schemes, so that the trials mentioned in this report can be progressed at pace. The grant offer approval from West of England Mayoral Combined Authority is currently pending; in the meantime, local match funding contribution will be used to cashflow these works, ahead of this formal approval.</p> <p>Total budget allocated for the wider Liveable Neighbourhood programme is £7.2m, of which £4.7m is funded by CRSTS grant and £2.5m is made up of contributions from B&NES Council. Budget allocated for the feasibility and design of schemes to reach full business case stage is £1.9m. The remaining £5.3m is available to deliver the wider Liveable Neighbourhood programme when the full business case is approved and the allocation of £736k will be drawn down from this amount.</p> <p>If the schemes are not made permanent, these costs would no longer be eligible for CRSTS grant, in which case the Council would need to find other sources of match funding.</p> <p>The £736k approval is for five proposed schemes; the value linked specifically to the Catharine Place, Gay Street and Winifred’s Lane schemes are £96.7k, £92.7k and £121.7k respectively.</p>

Issues considered	Social Inclusion; Sustainability; ; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation);
Consultation undertaken	Ward Councillor; Cabinet colleagues; Overview & Scrutiny Panel; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Local Residents; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer
How consultation was carried out	Via email and Overview and Scrutiny Panel.
Other options considered	Catharine Place: None. Winifred's Lane: An alternative option of a bus gate option located at the top of Cavendish Road was considered. After technical review of the scheme, it was decided to not introduce this measure now, but review this option following the analysis of monitoring data collected from the trial. Gay Street: None.
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision:	None
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	None

Name and Signature of Decision Maker/s	 Cllr Manda Rigby, Cabinet Member for Highways
Date of Signature	2 February 2024
Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision	