

Single Member Cabinet Decision

**Executive
Forward Plan
Reference**

E3630

School Streets Programme

Decision maker/s	Cllr Kevin Guy, Leader of the Council
The Issue	<p>1.1 The Council has approved £250,000 of Clean Air Zone (CAZ) funding to deliver a School Streets programme and £87,000 one-off funding was approved from the revenue budget for 2025/26. This will enable delivery of three school streets by a target date of end of March 2026.</p> <p>1.2 In addition, a School Street planned for Newbridge Primary School Street will be delivered within the proposal for the Lyme Road and Charmouth Road Liveable Neighbourhood.</p>
Decision Date	13th November 2025
The decision	<p>The Cabinet Member agrees that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subject to the full Traffic Regulation (TRO) approve in principle schemes at St Phillips Primary School, Widcombe Infant and Primary school and St Stephens Primary school.• To approve delegated authority for Director of Place Management to accept future grant funding for these schools or any future grant funding for any other School Streets projects.• With respect to the school street scheme for the Lyme Road and Charmouth Road LN area and with reference to previous SMD E3494, there are some changes to note because of further technical work and consultation.• The Council is proposing:<ul style="list-style-type: none">-A school street at the top of Charmouth Road (north of the Lyme Road junction) with timed restrictions at drop-off and pick-up for most vehicles-A one-way route (eastwards) requiring all motorists and cyclists to enter via Lyme Gardens and exit via Charmouth Road. This is a change from the previous proposal which proposed the one-way route to be westwards i.e. motorists to enter from Charmouth Road and exit Lyme Gardens-Three continuous crossings, including two over the junctions with the A4 Newbridge Road and one at the junction of Lyme Road with Charmouth Road. To improve visibility, up to 4 parking spaces would be removed.-Cyclists would be required to follow the one-way route <p>These improvements will mean:</p>

	<p>-Safer, calmer and less congested environment at school pick-up and drop-off</p> <p>-Slower traffic and safer crossing facilities</p> <p>-Improved traffic flow and reduced conflict between road users</p> <p>-Priority for those walking, wheeling or cycling</p> <p>It is proposed that the school street scheme would be introduced via a traffic regulation order (TRO) which will be consulted upon in December 2025.</p>
Rationale for decision	<p>School Streets aim to improve the environment directly outside schools at the start and end of the school day by restricting access for most of the motorised vehicle traffic.</p> <p>School Streets will contribute to the meeting the aims of the Journey to Net Zero and to delivering the Corporate Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing for the future – the schemes would support residents to make travel choices that have a positive impact on the environment. • Delivering for local residents – they would provide facilities that give priority and support to active travel. • Focusing on prevention – the schemes would support people to choose active travel, promoting better health with the potential to contribute towards improved air quality. • More travel choices – as part of the wider programme to deliver improved sustainable transport across B&NES, the schemes would contribute towards providing alternatives to private car use.
Financial and budget implications	<p>Funding of £250,000 has been approved from the CAZ reinvestment reserve to develop this programme, along with one-off funding of £87,000 in the 2025/26 revenue budget, to support the aim to deliver at least three School Streets by a target date of the end of March 2026.</p>
Issues considered	<p>Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Young People; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Human Rights; Corporate; Health & Safety; Other Legal Considerations</p>
Consultation undertaken	<p>Ward Councillor; Cabinet colleagues; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer</p>
How consultation was carried out	<p>Initial meetings have been held with the proposed selected schools. Local engagement and consultation will be carried out during the development of each School Street.</p>
Other options considered	<p>Not to progress any school streets: this option was rejected as delivery of school streets is a Cabinet Member commitment.</p>
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision:	<p>None</p>

Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	None
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Name and Signature of Decision Maker/s	Councillor Kevin Guy Leader of Bath and North East Somerset Council
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Date of Signature	13 November 2025
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Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision