

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
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TITLE:	REQUESTS FOR NEW TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report informs the Sub-Committee of requests for new traffic management measures that have been raised by members of the public, other organisations/representatives and Members of the Borough Council. These are measures that have either been previously reported, or those that would not typically be addressed in other programmes, where funding is yet to be identified.
- 1.2 This list now includes requests arising from the Cycle Forum meetings.
- 1.3 The Sub-Committee is asked to consider the Officer recommended action for each item, which relate to whether a scheme should remain on the list for future investigation (subject to funding availability) or removed from the list.
- 1.4 Appendix 1 provides the list of schemes/proposals, with Officer comments and recommendations.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.

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| <p>2.2 That the Sub-Committee agrees to a recommended action for each item on the list, as per Item 4.8.</p> <p>2.3 That the Sub-Committee may wish to identify a number of schemes that they consider to be priorities for future progression / development.</p> |
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3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 Any proposals would need to be considered alongside the Borough Council's Traffic Management Policies and Standards, Council Priorities and the Local Transport Plan.

4. BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The Council receives many requests for new traffic management measures across the borough and has a number of programmes in which they may be addressed. Such programmes include the Waiting Restriction Review, Resident Permit Parking and Road Safety Review. However, with continued central government transport funding cuts, monies for addressing general traffic management issues is harder to secure.
- 4.2 This report does not affect major strategic transport and cycling schemes that are funded as a part of any major scheme project award from central Government and/or the Local Enterprise Partnership. It does, however, include requests that are received by a number of Council departments and now includes requests made by the Cycle Forum.
- 4.3 Appendix 1 provides the current list of requested schemes and requests for measures, which is currently held by Officers.
- 4.4 It is likely that the primary sources of funding for these schemes will be local CIL contributions and other third-party contributions. If funding has been allocated to a scheme, this will be reflected on the list and this list may be used for seeking contributions for specific schemes (for example, during the planning process for a new development).
- 4.5 The list contains some categorised commentary around each scheme/request, providing some contextual background information such as casualty data and indicative costs.
- 4.6 Until a scheme is fully investigated, designed and quotes have been received from appropriate contractors, it is not possible to provide

detailed cost estimates. Appendix 1 provides an estimation of likely costs, ranging from 'Low', which will be hundreds-of-pounds, to 'Very High', which will be many tens-of-thousands-of-pounds.

4.7 The resources required to investigate requests and develop designs will incur costs. For this reason, it is not intended that any request is investigated further until funding has been identified.

4.8 It is recommended that the Sub-Committee considers the recommended action for each scheme and may wish to identify a number of schemes/requests that it considers to be priorities for future delivery. Officers have summarised their recommendations as follows:

4.8.1 Retain - These items will remain on the list, awaiting funding for further investigation and development.

4.8.2 Forward to [Scheme/Programme] - These items will be noted, for information, in a separate section of the list. They will, however, be moved for consideration as part of a different scheme or programme, such as an Area Study.

4.8.3 Remove - These items will be removed from the list and will not be retained for further investigation and development.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

5.1 This programme supports the aims and objectives of the Local Transport Plan and helps to deliver the following Council Priorities:

- Keeping Reading's environment clean, green and safe
- Ensuring the Council is fit for the future

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

6.1 Requests received from members of the public, or their representatives, can be added to the list of issues.

6.2 Requests that are progressed into active schemes may require statutory consultation and/or public notification.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None arising from this report.

8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

8.1 In addition to the Human Rights Act 1998 the Council is required to comply with the Equalities Act 2010. Section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010 requires the Council to have due regard to the need to:-

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

8.2 An Equality Impact scoping exercise will be conducted as part of the detailed scheme design, prior to implementation.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None arising from this report.

9.2 Funding will need to be identified prior to the investigation, progression and development of requests/schemes.

9.3 Funding availability for maintenance/running costs of schemes will need to be considered.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 Requests for New Traffic Management Measures (Traffic Management Sub-Committee - September 2018).