

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

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| TO: | TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE | | |
| DATE: | 12 SEPTEMBER 2018 | AGENDA ITEM: | 8 |
| 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 Appendix 1 provides the list of schemes/proposals, with Officer comments.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That the Sub-Committee may wish to identify a number of schemes that they consider to be priorities for progression/development.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 Any proposals would need to be considered in line with the Borough Council's Traffic Management Policies and Standards.

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.
- 4.3 Appendix 1 provides the current list of outstanding schemes and requests for measures, which is currently held by Officers.
- 4.4 The list contains some categorised commentary around each scheme/request, providing some contextual background information such as casualty data and indicative costs.
- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 It is recommended that the Sub-Committee considers the recommendations for each scheme and may wish to identify a number of schemes/requests that it considers to be priorities for delivery. Officers have summarised their recommendations as follows:
- 4.6.1 Recommend Works - These items will remain on the list for further investigation and progression, subject to technical feasibility and funding availability.
- 4.6.2 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.
- 4.6.3 Remove - To remove an item from the list.
- 4.7 As the programme develops, it is intended that officers provide details about funding that may be available generally, or for specific

measures, through local contributions such as CIL or Section 106. If specific items become funded through these contributions, the Sub-Committee will be informed and the scheme can be progressed.

- 4.8 It is the desire of Officers to investigate and design schemes that the Sub-Committee has agreed to progress, prioritising those that have been identified by the Sub-Committee as priorities for development. However, this work will need to be balanced with the need to progress other works programmes, with the limited staffing resources that are available.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

- 5.1 This proposal supports the aims and objectives of the Local Transport Plan and contributes to the Council's strategic aims, as set out below:

- Keeping the town clean, green and active.
- Providing the infrastructure to support the economy.
- Remaining financially sustainable to deliver these service priorities.

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 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 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 - March 2018).