

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Removal of emergency active travel measures (EATM) associated with the response to COVID -19 outbreak
Date of decision:	3 August 2021
Decision maker:	Interim Director for Economy and Place
Authority for delegated decision:	Chief Executive's Scheme of Delegation SA50
Ward:	All wards
Consultation:	This decision has been consulted with the council's finance and legal services and the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport
Decision made:	To programme the removal of the tranche 1 emergency active travel measures following central government's relaxation of the Covid 19 restrictions on the 19 July 2021
Reasons for decision:	<p>Temporary measures to make additional provisions for cyclists and pedestrians and support social distancing during the lockdown restrictions were implemented in Hereford and the Market towns during the summer of 2020.</p> <p>A record of officer decision was taken on the 13 July 2020 to implement the measures that the Cabinet Member had confirmed were to be taken forward following consultation with members, town and city councillors, local businesses, traders, transport providers and other organisations.</p> <p>Following the implementation of the initial set of measures, feedback from the public, businesses and organisations on the measures was monitored. This included feedback on social media, by telephone and through further meetings. This on-going feedback was assessed by the project team in conjunction with the Cabinet Member and records of officer decisions were taken to amend the measures on 20 August, 3 September and 18 December 2020.</p> <p>Central Government have confirmed that on 19 July 2021 legal restrictions introduced in response to the Covid 19 pandemic would be removed.</p> <p>Anticipating this, a review of the installed measures has been conducted and recommendations shared with the Cabinet Member for consideration. Ward members and parish councils local to the measures were consulted on the proposed recommendations. The Cabinet Member has considered these recommendations and the responses received from ward members and the parish councils and confirmed the approach to removal of measures as laid out in Appendix 1.</p> <p>The measures have provided valuable information on the introduction of these types of intervention. Consideration will be given to development of permanent interventions, with associated Traffic Regulation Orders, as part of further transport projects. These will be the subject of subsequent governance decisions.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/ finance/ legal/ equality considerations:	<p>Risk: There is a risk in removing the measures that should pandemic conditions require the measures to be reinstated there will be more public resistance to their reintroduction.</p> <p>Finance:</p>

	<p>There will be a cost in removing the measures and reinstating markings to support the measures that were in place before the EATMs. This will be delivered within a budget of £30k, which will be funded from funds allocated under the Reopening of High Streets Safely fund.</p> <p>Legal: The reinstatement of parking bays and removal of the associated markings on High Street will not require any temporary traffic regulation order changes.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>Not to adjust the emergency active travel measures as described in Appendix 1. This was rejected as the premise of the consultation and previous decision was that measures would be monitored and adjusted as necessary. The rationale for each adjustment is also recorded in Appendix 1.</p>
Details of any declarations of interest made:	<p>None</p>

Signed

Neil Taylor
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