

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER


Executive Decision Reference Number – SPT01 24/25

Decision	
1	<p>Title of decisions: THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH (TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS) (AMENDMENT ORDER NO. 2024.2137289 CIVIC SQUARE) ORDER</p> <p>&</p> <p>THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH (TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS) (TAXI RANKS) (AMENDMENT ORDER NO. 2024.2137289 CIVIC SQUARE) ORDER</p>
2	<p>Decision maker: Councillor Mark Coker, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport</p>
3	<p>Report author and contact details: Amy Neale, Senior Traffic Management Technician, email: trafficmanagementinbox@plymouth.gov.uk</p>
4	<p>Decision to be taken:</p> <p>To implement the following amendments to The City of Plymouth (Traffic Regulation and Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2004 & The City of Plymouth (Traffic Regulation Orders) (Taxi Ranks) (Consolidation) Order 2022.</p> <p>The effect of the order shall be to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Add/Amend/Revoke Parking Restrictions on lengths of the following roads: Armada Way, Guildhall Square & Princess Street 2. Revoke the Taxi Rank on Guildhall Square <p>As set out in the briefing report.</p>
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <p>Refurbishment of the existing Civic Square, aiming to restore Jellicoe’s vision for the square ‘a civic amenity to be enjoyed by townspeople at all times’. The TRO amendments are required to allow the improvement of public, pedestrian city centre space, and improved cycling links across the city centre.</p> <p>The TRO proposes the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of seven existing car parking spaces in Armada Way • Provision of six new car parking spaces in Princess Street • Removal of two areas of motorcycle parking outside of the Guildhall and their relocation to an existing cycle parking area at the entrance to the Civic Centre carpark (cycle parking being replaced within Civic Square)

	<p>This proposal is submitted on the back of three phases of public realm improvements within Civic Square which have visually upgraded the area, restored historic features and provided enhanced cycling provision.</p> <p><u>Parking Changes</u></p> <p>Previously as part of the Civic Square project, seven additional car parking spaces were provided within the Guildhall Park to facilitate the reduction of car parking provision within Armada Way. It is also proposed that a further six new car parking spaces are provided within Princess Street. The removal of the car parking spaces will open up views of the Guildhall and the enhanced visibility will improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians, especially those transitioning from the shared cycling and pedestrian space in Civic Square to Armada Way.</p>			
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>Do Nothing – This would not achieve the decluttering of the area outside of the Historic Guildhall</p> <p>Do not provide alternative parking provision beyond the seven car parking spaces already provided within the Guildhall car park– This would reduce the availability of car parking in the area and would reduce car parking income, it would also not provide any replacement motorcycle parking</p> <p>Replacing the Taxi Rank elsewhere – a number of other nearby locations were considered for relocating the taxi rank but none were considered suitable and there was no demonstrated need for its replacement.</p>			
7	<p>Financial implications and risks:</p> <p>The Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's) and associated works are being funded by an existing £2.273m funding package for Civic Square comprising funding by Transforming Cities Fund, Active Travel Fund, Historic England's Active Travel Fund and Corporate Borrowing. The cost of the car park relining works is £4050.</p>			
8	<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:</p> <p>x in the case of capital projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of £3million in total</p> <p>x in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1 million</p> <p>x is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the local authority.</p>

	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions			
9	Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan/Plymouth Plan and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget:	The Local Transport Plan (LTP) details the transport strategies and policies that the City Council has adopted and will be key in helping the city meet its Corporate Plan priorities, and growth agenda.		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	None.		
Urgent decisions				
11	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?	Yes		(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)
		No	x	(If no, go to section 13a)
12a	Reason for urgency:			
12b	Scrutiny Chair Signature:		Date	
	Scrutiny Committee name:			
	Print Name:			
Consultation				
13a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes		
		No	x	(If no go to section 14)
13b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?			
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted			
14	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		No	x	

I5	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Anthony Payne					
		Job title	Strategic Director for Place					
		Date consulted	02/04/2024					
Sign-off								
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS02 24/25					
		Finance (mandatory)	DJN.24.25.001					
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/2960(10)/JP/03 0424.					
		Human Resources (if applicable)	N/A					
		Corporate property (if applicable)	N/A					
		Procurement (if applicable)	N/A					
Appendices								
I7	Ref.	Title of appendix						
	A	Briefing report for publication						
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment						
Confidential/exempt information								
I8a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	Yes						If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II') briefing report and indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in I8b below. (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)
		No	x					
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I8b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:							
Background Papers								
I9	Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based. If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for							

	publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.						
Title of background paper(s)	Exemption Paragraph Number						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cabinet Member Signature							
20	I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, Corporate Plan or Budget. In taking this decision I have given due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.						
Signature			Date of decision	22/05/2024			
Print Name	Councillor Mark Coker						