

Management Committee

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St Alban Street pedestrianisation scheme

For Decision

Briefholder:

Transport and Infrastructure - Cllr Colin Huckle

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Statutory Authority:

Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984

Purpose of Report

- 1 To seek support and funding to introduce a trial pedestrianisation scheme in St Alban Street in Weymouth town centre.

Recommendations

- 2 a) That Dorset County Council be asked to introduce an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for St Alban Street, including a period of consultation with businesses and the general public.

b) That a budget of £12,000 for this be considered by the Budget Working Group.

Reason for Decision

- 3 To continue to make further improvements to the pedestrian and vehicular use of Weymouth town centre in order to support the local economy.

Background and Reason Decision Needed

- 4 The council has already implemented a scheme to improve pedestrian access to St Mary and St Thomas Streets, working with Dorset County Council and requiring input from the Town Centre Manager. Improved pedestrianisation measures in the town centre are action 41 in the Management Committee Action Plan.
- 5 A proposal to extend the pedestrianisation of further streets in the town centre, particularly St Alban Street, has been considered over recent months by Dorset County Council.

- 6 It is proposed that an experimental Traffic Regulation Order be introduced, estimated to cost £12,000. This will allow for a trial to take place over up to 6 months, featuring extensive consultation with businesses and the general public. If successful, the full cost of implementing the scheme covering St Alban and related streets is estimated to be £80,000.

Implications

Corporate Plan

Priority: A2. Improving infrastructure to enable businesses to grow

Priority: A4. Regenerating and supporting vibrant town centres

Financial The Budget Working Group is asked to consider a request for £12,000 of funding, payable to Dorset County Council, to enable a trial to go ahead.

Equalities No implications from this report

Environmental No implications from this report

Economic Development The pedestrianisation of the town centre is considered to be an important way of supporting the town centre economy and to improve the safety of shoppers.

Risk Management (including Health & Safety) No implications from this report

Human Resources No implications from this report

Consultation and Engagement The trial TRO is designed to allow full consultation and engagement with local people and businesses before a full scheme is considered.

Appendices

Background Papers

N/A

Footnote

Issues relating to financial, environmental, economic and equalities implications have been considered and any information relevant to the decision is included within the report.

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