Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s) By Elected Mayor/Cabinet Member(s)

1. Subject of decision

Traffic Regulation Orders – Waiting and Loading and Traffic Movements, South Parade, Whitley Bay

2. Name and Portfolio of Cabinet member(s) (Decision Maker)

Cllr Sandra Graham, Cabinet Member for Environment

3. Director of Service

John Sparkes, Director of Regeneration and Economic Development

4. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

None

5. Executive summary (taken from written report)

This Record of Decision relates to the approval given by the Cabinet Member for Environment to make variations to restrictions on waiting and loading and traffic movements on South Parade, Whitley Bay, and to set aside one objection received to the proposal.

6. Alternative Options considered

Option 1 – Approve the recommendations set out in section 1.2 of the report.

Option 2 – Not approve the recommendations set out in section 1.2 of the report.

7. Decision(s)

The Cabinet Member for Environment has considered the objection and has decided to:

- set aside the objection in the interests of increasing safety for all road users and contributing to ensuring that highway conditions are conducive to support greater usage of cycling, walking and wheeling; and
- (2) determine that the Traffic Regulation Orders should be made unchanged.

Regarding the objection from Mr O – the Cabinet Member for Environment noted that the scheme design had sought to minimise the loss of car parking whilst providing much improved cycling and walking infrastructure; that northbound traffic would continue to be able to use South Parade while southbound traffic could use a number of alternative routes; and that the scheme sought to facilitate active travel, with wider health benefits, and to provide an improved walking and cycling link between the sea front and the town centre and Metro station. The Cabinet Member for Environment further noted that the external Government funding being used to deliver the scheme was specifically for projects which supported the use of more sustainable modes of transport.

9. Date Decision Made

6 February 2023

10. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

Yes, the call-in period expires at 5pm on Monday 13 February 2023

11. Date of Publication

6 February 2023

12. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

After 5pm on Monday 13 February 2023