

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

### **1. Subject of decision**

Pedestrian Crossings – associated with Sea Front Sustainable Route in Whitley Bay, Cullercoats and Tynemouth

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

Cllr Hannah Johnson, 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 install pedestrian crossings at locations at Promenade and Rockcliffe Gardens, Whitley Bay; Beverley Terrace and Victoria Crescent, Cullercoats; and Grand Parade, Tynemouth, and set aside 28 objections received to these proposals.

### **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 objections and has decided to:

- (1) set aside the objections 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 pedestrian crossings should be established in accordance with the proposal.

## 8. Reasons for the Decision(s)

Regarding the objection from **Dr H** – the Cabinet Member for Environment noted that the Authority consulted with emergency services as part of the Traffic Regulation Order for the 20mph speed limit undertaken in August 2023, and that consultation raised no specific concerns with regards to an impact upon response times. The Cabinet Member for Environment further noted that the proposal formed part of the Sea Front Sustainable Route proposals, which will provide improved cycling, walking and wheeling links to local destinations in coastal areas of North Tyneside.

Regarding the objections from **Mrs A, Mr A, and Ms C** – the Cabinet Member for Environment noted that Department for Transport guidance on 20mph zones suggests: “20mph zones, which have traffic calming features, are very effective at reducing collisions and injuries”, and that “successful 20mph zones and 20mph speed limits are generally self-enforcing: that is, the existing conditions of the road together with measures such as traffic calming or signing, publicity and information as part of the scheme, lead to a mean traffic speed that is compliant with the speed limit”. The Cabinet Member for Environment further noted that the proposal formed part of the Sea Front Sustainable Route proposals, which will provide improved cycling, walking and wheeling links to local destinations in coastal areas of North Tyneside.

Regarding the 24 objections received from associates of the Cullercoats Fishermen’s Association (CFA) and not withdrawn – the Cabinet Member for Environment noted that the proposed crossings would not prevent access being maintained for fishing operations around Cullercoats Harbour. The Cabinet Member for Environment further noted that the proposal formed part of the Sea Front Sustainable Route proposals, which will provide improved cycling, walking and wheeling links to local destinations in coastal areas of North Tyneside.

**9. Date Decision Made**

4 October 2024

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

Yes, the call-in period expires at 5.00pm on 11 October 2024

**11. Date of Publication**

4 October 2024

**12. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)**

After 5.00pm on 11 October 2024