

Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

Harrow Street bridge, Shiremoor – use of powers under Section 291 of the Highways Act 1980

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

John Sparkes, Director of Regeneration and Economic Development

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

Not applicable

4. Executive summary (taken from written report)

This Record of Decision relates to the approval given by the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development to exercise powers under Section 291 of the Highways Act 1980, which enable access across private land, in order to undertake maintenance work at Harrow Street bridge, Shiremoor.

5. Alternative Options considered

Option 1

To approve the recommendation as set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report.

Option 2

Not to approve the recommendation as set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

6. Decision(s)

The Director of Regeneration and Economic Development in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment has : -

- a) exercised General Delegation GD6 and authorised the use of section 291 of the Highways Act 1980 to gain entry onto land at Harrow Street, Shiremoor by authorised persons and their equipment for the purposes of undertaking repairs to the Harrow Street bridge; and
- b) authorised officers to serve notices on the residents of Harrow Street advising them of the date when authorised persons and equipment will enter Harrow Street for the purpose of undertaking repairs to the Harrow Street bridge.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

The proposals will enable the Authority to access Harrow Street bridge in order to carry out essential maintenance to the structure.

8. Date decision made

6 July 2023

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

*No – see below.

10. Date of Publication

Thursday 6 July 2023

11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

Thursday 6 July 2023

*Note – This is an urgent decision as agreed by the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Coordination & Finance Committee, the Authority's Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer; and is not subject to Call-in as agreed by the Chair of Council, due to the following reason(s).

The reason for urgency is so that the construction period for essential maintenance work to the Harrow Street bridge can coincide with the planned Metro major line closure on dates in July–August 2023.