

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

1. Subject of decision

Traffic Regulation Order – Queensway area, Tynemouth

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Councillor Sandra Graham, Cabinet Member for Environment

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

n/a

4. Executive summary (Taken from written report)

This Record of Decision relates to the approval given by the Cabinet Member for Environment to introduce permit parking restrictions on Queensway, Manorway, Princeway and Manor Road and a time-limited parking restriction on Queensway and to set aside 77 objections received to the proposal.

5. Alternative options considered

Option 1

Approve the recommendations set out in section 1.2 and determine that the Traffic Regulation Order should be made unchanged.

Option 2

Not approve the recommendations set out in section 1.2 and determine that the Traffic Regulation Order should be made with modifications.

Option 3

Not approve the recommendations set out in section 1.2 and determine that the Traffic Regulation Order should not be made.

6. Decision(s)

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

- (1) set aside the objections in the interests of reducing levels of on-street parking in the area which will remove obstructions to pedestrian and vehicle traffic, improve road safety for all road users and facilitate residential parking; and
- (2) determine that the Traffic Regulation Order should be made unchanged.

7. Reasons for the decision

Regarding those objections which expressed the view that the proposal did not adequately consider provision for parking by staff at Kings Priory School – the Cabinet Member for Environment noted that discussions had taken place with the school, starting from before the proposal was formally advertised; that the school had been invited to provide details of parking requirements for any staff members with disabilities; and that arrangements had been made for officers to contact the school to offer support with facilitating sustainable travel to and from the school. The Cabinet Member for Environment further noted that Tynemouth benefits from good public transport links, while for commuters who travel by private car there is a range of long stay free and charged parking options.

Regarding those objections which expressed the view that the proposal did not adequately consider provision for parking by parents at Kings Priory School – the Cabinet Member for Environment noted that the Authority engages with schools through the Go Smarter in North Tyneside initiative to support walking or cycling to school; that permit parking restrictions do not preclude a motorist from pulling in to the roadside while passengers exit or enter the vehicle; and that there is a range of short stay free and charged parking options available in the area.

Regarding those objections which expressed the view that the proposal would negatively impact visitors to Tynemouth including customers and staff associated with local businesses – the Cabinet Member for Environment noted that Tynemouth benefits from good public transport links, while for visitors and commuters who travel by private car there is a range of long and short stay free and charged parking options; that businesses which have an operational need to park near their premises may be able to request parking permits; and that the proposal includes some short stay parking on Queensway, near its junction with Percy Park Road.

Regarding those objections which expressed the view that the proposal would displace parking issues to unrestricted streets nearby – the Cabinet Member for Environment noted that Tynemouth benefits from good public transport links, while for visitors and commuters who travel by private car there is a range of long and short stay free and charged parking options; and that there would be potential to consider requests for further restrictions if appropriate.

Regarding those objections which expressed the view that the scheme was not required or appropriate – the Cabinet Member for Environment noted that the proposal was developed to address a long-standing issue of inconsiderate non-residential parking in this area which was found to be restricting traffic and pedestrian movements and creating a potential road safety issue; and that engagement on the scheme had indicated that the majority of residents in each street wished to be part of the proposed permit parking scheme.

Regarding the alternative options of deciding that the Order should be made with modifications or that the Order should not be made – the Cabinet Member for Environment noted that the results of the initial consultation indicated majority support for the proposal among residents of all four streets; and that, following parking assessments, the subsequent follow-up consultation with residents of Princeway and Queensway also indicated majority support for the proposal in each of these streets. The Cabinet Member for Environment also noted that the proposal includes a small section of free, short stay parking at the south-eastern end of Queensway to offer some provision for local businesses and visitors to Kings Priory School.

8. Date decision made

19th December 2022

9. 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 Tuesday 28 December 2022

10. Date of Publication

19 December 2022

11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

After 5.00pm on Tuesday 28 December 2022