

REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
29 APRIL 2002

REPORT ON: TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT – CENTRAL AREA – INTRODUCTION OF
FOURTH ZONE – CONSULTATION UPDATE

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

REPORT NO: 251-2002

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Committee of the outcome of the initial consultation exercise and to recommend amendments to the original proposals.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to approve that the Traffic Regulation Order process proceeds to the next stage. The proposals have been reviewed following consultation and are as follows.
- i Bell Street prohibition of driving over the entire day reduced to the length of street from the University car park access to Euclid Crescent West.
 - ii This restriction is to be relaxed overnight (6pm-8am) and all day Sunday to allow movement by all vehicles.
 - iii Exception between 6pm-8am and all day Sunday is to be introduced into Commercial Street to allow taxis to cross Murraygate at these times.
 - iv Private hire cars to share the same traffic movement exemptions as “taxis” throughout the City.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost of this proposal will be met from the Public Transport Fund for works to improve public transport priorities, walking and cycling. The costs are estimated at £20,000.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The scheme is designed to ensure that sustainable modes of transport are to the forefront.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The promotion of public transport, walking and cycling routes moves towards redressing the balance for the large numbers of our population who do not have access to the private car or who choose to travel by other means.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 The main purpose of the proposals here to prevent cross-town traffic has not changed. The amendments are limited to point closures being in different locations. Prohibition of driving in Bell Street is to be introduced between the University car park access east of Constitution Road and Euclid Crescent West.
- 6.2 The times of the restrictions have been amended to permit taxis and private hire cars to use Commercial Street at Murraygate from 6pm until 8am and all day Sundays to retain access and improve penetration for this mode of private and personalised form of public transport.

- 6.3 The remaining restrictions in Commercial Street will be monitored with the view to increasing permeability for vehicles in order to encourage the evening economy.
- 6.4 The restriction to access for general traffic on Panmure Street between Euclid Crescent East and Meadowside is to be removed. This improves access to McManus Galleries and creates the opportunity to introduce on-street parking. The details of this in conjunction with other amendments to parking in this area will be a further report to Committee.
- 6.5 The package of proposals as amended is set out on the plan displayed in the Members' Lounge. A copy of the plan has also been sent to each Group secretary.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services and Director of Corporate Planning have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

Further detailed consultation will be undertaken with frontagers such as the High School of Dundee and the University of Abertay.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Report No 49-2001 Traffic Management – Central Area – Introduction of Fourth Zone.

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