

# SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

## EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Thursday 11 August 2016 by the Highway Cabinet Member Decision Session.

Date notified to all members: Monday 15 August 2016

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Friday 19 August 2016

The decision can be implemented from Saturday 20 August 2016

### **Item No**

#### **4. CHARTER SQUARE HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

4.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report in relation to the Charter Square Highways Improvement Scheme.

4.2 **RESOLVED:** That:-

- (a) the Traffic Regulation Orders be made, in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;
- (b) a further Traffic Regulation Order be promoted to create a two way operation on a section of Wellington Street;
- (c) the scheme be approved for detailed design and build; and
- (d) the respondents be informed accordingly.

#### **4.3 Reasons for Decision**

4.3.1 To allow the scheme to progress to detailed design and build so that the proposed improvements for pedestrians and cyclists can be realised quickly.

4.3.2 The proposal seeks to remove one of remaining subway systems in the City Centre which are generally considered to be unfriendly for pedestrians. In its place, new pedestrian crossing and cycle routes will be created which will be of significant benefit to road users.

4.3.3 The scheme creates a large public realm area which could readily be adapted to meet future regeneration or development needs.

#### **4.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

4.4.1 The removal of the Charter Square roundabout and subway system has been a longstanding proposal and was included in the planning

application for the New Retail Quarter, which received approval in 2006. The proposal is consistent with that concept, as well as the City Centre Master Plan. Officers believe that the scheme can be a catalyst for further regeneration in the city centre and can be adapted to accommodate any access needs that future regeneration development proposals might bring forward. As such no other alternatives have been considered.

**4.5 Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

**4.6 Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration**

None

**4.7 Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Simon Green, Executive Director, Place

**4.8 Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In**

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