

# Executive

## Kidlington Pedestrianisation and Traffic Regulation Order

12 July 2010

### Report of Head of Regeneration and Estates

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To confirm the Council's approval for the release of the capital funds for the feasibility work on proposed changes to Kidlington's High Street via an improved Traffic Regulation Order.

This report is public

#### Recommendations

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The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To approve a supplementary capital bid of £25,000 to finance the feasibility work on proposed changes to Kidlington's High Street via an improved Traffic Regulation Order.

#### Executive Summary

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##### Introduction

- 1.1 The Kidlington Pedestrianisation capital bid (value £25,000) was referred to scrutiny for further consideration by Council in February 2010. The bid was rejected as part of the 2010/11 budget process due to the overall financial constraints facing the Council. However the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Communication had indicated that a supplementary estimate could be made if the scrutiny review considers that it is justified. The review was considered on the 22 June 2010 and recommended approval to the Executive.

##### Proposals

- 1.2 Please refer to the attached Overview and Scrutiny Committee report and minutes of the 22 June 2010.
- 1.3 A further breakdown on the expenditure for the capital bid are as follows:

- Advertising/public notices in regards to the new proposed new Traffic Order: £2000
  - Legal costs of the agency agreement with the County Council: £2,000
  - Anticipated public enquiry fee: £11,000.
  - New signage: £7,000. This includes: 4 new illuminated signs, 2 at either end of the pedestrianised road and repeater signs along the route. This does not include any electrical supplier costs for connection to the power supply.
  - Consultation event: £700 for two artist's impressions, £250 for land registry information, and £200 for printing or other miscellaneous consultation costs.
  - Hire of small marquee/stall for the consultation. Could be found in-house or a possibility it will need to be hired - £100
  - Any other slight highway amendments, extra floral units, removal of double yellow lines, small highways works (e.g. road narrowing) - inc labour up to £2,000
- 1.4 Once the scheme is implemented a review will be made on the success of its objectives. If it is felt non-permitted traffic is accessing the pedestrianised area a further capital bid will be made for a rising bollard on the western side of the junction with Watts Way. Access to the High Street would then only be given to permit holders who had the correct card to activate the bollard.

### **Key Issues for Consideration/Reasons for Decision and Options**

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- 2.1 This project is identified as a priority in the Regeneration and Estates Service plan and is a key partnership project undertaken at the request of the Kidlington Village Centre Management Board and Kidlington Parish Council
- 2.2 The following options have been identified. The approach in the recommendations is believed to be the best way forward.

<b>Option One</b>	Approve the capital bid for the scheme to move forward
<b>Option Two</b>	Reject the bid. However this will result in the postponement of any further work on the scheme and a failure to meet Service Plan targets.

### **Implications**

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<b>Financial:</b>	If this scheme is to go ahead, it will require a 2010/11 supplementary capital estimate of £25,000 funded from Council capital receipts. The lost opportunity cost equates to £250 at 1% interest rate.  Comments checked by Eric Meadows, Service Accountant 01295 221552
<b>Legal:</b>	The Council would need to enter into an agency agreement with the County Council before it could

promote or make any Traffic Regulation Order. The regulations require a consultation process to be carried out when the proposals are still at a formative stage and, if objections are made to the published proposals, a public inquiry must be held.

Comments checked by Malcolm Saunders, Senior Legal Assistant 01295 221692

**Risk Management:**

If the bid is accepted, a public inquiry may still lead to the project not going ahead. If the bid is rejected, it will result in the postponement of any further work on the scheme

Comments checked by Rosemary Watts, Risk Management and Insurance Officer 01295 221566

**Safer Communities, Urban and Rural Services**

A revised TRO for Kidlington High Street is considered to be essential to bring vitality to the village centre; develop improved pedestrian access; and to exclude, in the core period, all but essential delivery vehicles.

Comments checked by Chris Rothwell, Head of Safer Communities, Urban and Rural Services 01295 221712

**Wards Affected**

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All wards in Kidlington

**Corporate Plan Themes**

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**Executive Portfolio**

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**Councillor Norman Bolster**  
**Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Estates**

**Document Information**

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<b>Appendix No</b>	<b>Title</b>
Appendix 1	<i>Overview and Scrutiny Committee Report of 22 June 2010</i>
Appendix 2	<i>Minutes from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Report of 22 June 2010</i>
Appendix 3	<i>Indicative site plan</i>
<b>Background Papers</b>	
None	
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