

# Executive

## Kidlington Pedestrianisation and Traffic Regulation Order

7 March 2011

### Report of Head of Regeneration and Estates

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek the Council's approval to enter into an agency agreement with Oxfordshire County Council, to formally promote a new Traffic Regulation Order for Kidlington High Street.

This report is public
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#### Recommendations

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The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To approve an agency agreement between Oxfordshire County Council, the Highway Authority, and Cherwell District Council to enable Cherwell District Council to formally promote a new Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Kidlington High Street.

#### Executive Summary

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##### Introduction

- 1.1 The Kidlington Pedestrianisation scheme was approved for inclusion in the Council's capital programme on 12 July 2010. Since then, the proposed scheme has been subject to informal public consultation from September to November 2010. The outcome of this consultation was overwhelming support for the pedestrianisation proposals and, as such, the Project Board have approved the scheme for formal consultation on a draft TRO. The report on the consultation results is attached in the Appendix.

##### Proposals

- 1.2 An agency agreement with Oxfordshire County Council is required to give this Council the power to draft the proposed TRO, advertise it, if necessary to hold a public inquiry, to consider any objections received and to make the Order in the form finally approved.
- 1.3 If the Executive are minded to approve this agency agreement, then it will go forward to Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet Members Decisions (Transport) Committee, for their consideration on 24 March 2011.

- 1.4 Once the agreement is approved, the Order will be drafted and a provisional timetable for the formal public consultation is likely for June/July 2011.

### **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 recommendation is believed to be the best way forward.

**Option One** Approve the agency agreement for the scheme to move forward.

**Option Two** Reject the agency agreement. 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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**Financial:** A capital estimate of £25,000 is included in the approved capital programme, and this is considered to be sufficient to cover the costs associated with making the proposed Order, including any costs of holding a public inquiry if necessary. It should also cover the cost of amending signage required to implement the Order.

Comments checked by Joanne Kaye, Service Accountant 01295 221545

**Legal:** 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, it may be necessary to hold a public inquiry.

Comments checked by Malcolm Saunders, Senior Legal Assistant 01295 221692

**Risk Management:** If the agency agreement is supported, a public inquiry may still lead to the project not going ahead. If the agreement 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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**Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Estates**

**Document Information**

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<b>Appendix No</b>	<b>Title</b>
Appendix 1	Informal Consultation Report
Appendix 2	Request to OCC for agency agreement
<b>Background Papers</b>	
None	
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