

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

**Report by Strategic Lead – Roads & Transportation**

**Infrastructure Regeneration and Economic Development Committee:**

**15 May 2019**

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**Subject: Member Consultation on Capital Works**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to request approval in relation to Member Consultation further to motion considered by Council on 14 February 2019.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1** It is recommended that Committee:
- (i) notes the content of this report, and
  - (ii) approves the elected member engagement protocol proposed in the report.

**3. Background**

- 3.1** On 14 February 2019 members considered a motion raised in relation to the regeneration project, “Balloch Road Phase 1”. Council agreed that local Elected Members must be given opportunity to be consulted on the detail of certain construction works in their ward that will be carried out under delegated authority, prior to any report being brought to Committee for a funding decision. It was therefore agreed that Officers would present a proposed protocol/process to facilitate member engagement to the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development (IRED) Committee.
- 3.2** Under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 the Roads Authority has delegated powers to reconstruct, alter, widen, improve or renew any road within their local authority area contained within the list of public roads.
- 3.3** The promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order is required for the introduction of a new, or amendment to an existing, parking restriction, movement order or traffic management measure. The required legal process is followed.

**4. Main Issues**

- 4.1** Consultation is fundamental to the good design and successful promotion of any regeneration or public realm scheme. The strategy should be shaped to

be proactive in engaging as many community, business, political and cultural stakeholders as possible to understand the local issues experienced by all stakeholders and to maximise the project benefits.

- 4.2** Public realm improvements are a tool to delivering regeneration and developing a sense of place through facilitating economic growth whilst supporting access to jobs, education and businesses in conjunction with improving the experience for all road users.
- 4.3** The public realm includes both vehicular and pedestrian areas contained within the local road and footpath network.
- 4.4** If a project proposes to amend the layout of the existing road and footway network and has an anticipated project cost in excess of £100,000 an engagement strategy is required. This enables the project team to work with stakeholders to identify key local issues and priorities and ensure the evolving proposals have taken these into consideration.
- 4.5** The development and delivery of projects have a number of stages and can be set out as follows:
- **Project Inception**
  - **Project Development**
  - **Project Delivery**
  - **Evaluation & Monitoring**
- 4.6** It is proposed that in addition to any other local consultation, and the wider stakeholder engagement, local ward member engagement sessions will be held in line with the key project milestones identified in 4.5 namely project inception, development and delivery. The project timeline will be developed to reflect these engagement sessions.

The conclusions of these will be recorded and circulated for confirmation before a project proceeds to the next stage.

## **5. People Implications**

- 5.1** There are no people implications as a result of this report.

## **6. Financial and Procurement Implications**

- 6.1** The engagement protocol has no financial or procurement implications.

## **7. Risk Analysis**

- 7.1** The consultation process with partners and key stakeholders ensured that the content of the Strategy and Action Plan is appropriate to assist with the economic prosperity for the local area and that risks are assessed. The Strategy will be reviewed regularly to ensure that any local and national economic changes are integrated where appropriate.

## **8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 8.1** An equalities impact assessment is not necessary for this report.

## **9. Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)**

- 9.1** A strategic environmental assessment is not necessary for this report. Strategic Environmental Assessments will be undertaken as necessary in the design and delivery of public realm projects.

## **10. Consultation**

- 10.1** The development of the engagement protocol included consultation with officers within the Roads Service and the Regeneration Team as delivery partners of capital projects on the adopted road network.

## **11. Strategic Assessment**

- 11.1** At its meeting on 25 October 2017, the Council agreed that its five main strategic priorities for 2017 - 2022 are as follows:
- A Strong local economy and improved employment opportunities.
  - Supported individuals, families and carers living independently and with dignity.
  - Meaningful community engagement with active empowered and informed citizens who feel safe and engaged.
  - Open, accountable and accessible local government.
  - Efficient and effective frontline services that improve the everyday lives of residents.
- 11.2** This report's content is aligned with the Council's strategic priorities as stated above.

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**Appendices:** None

**Background Papers:** None

**Wards Affected:** All