

REPORT FOR RESOLUTION

SUBJECT: WORKING GROUP FOR
TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

REPORT OF: THE LEAD OFFICER

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To present the report of the Working Group on Traffic Regulation Orders (Bus Lanes).

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Joint Committee:

- [i] Receives the report (Appendix 1).
- [ii] Approves its circulation to local authorities enforcing or planning to enforce civil bus lane enforcement
- [iii] Notes the arrangements for local authorities to feedback comments between now and September for these to be taken into consideration prior to joint publication with the Parking TRO report which will be presented to the September meeting.
- [iv] Notes that is the responsibility of local authorities to ensure that their traffic regulation orders meet statutory requirements.

FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES TO THE REVENUE BUDGET

The funding for this initiative is included in the budget for 2011/12.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee approved a proposal to develop specimen articles pertaining to traffic regulation orders (TROs) for bus lanes
- 1.2 The aim of the TRO Review is to provide specimen articles for TROs that individual local authorities can select to compile each of their TROs. By achieving consistency in the terms in which the basic requirements of a TRO are drafted, the perceived benefits are:
 - i) Significant reduction in the resource expenditure of the drafting teams in each local authority.
 - ii) Greater understanding for those members of the public who wish to see the regulations that apply in their area, or to their PCN.
 - iii) Greater efficiency for the Adjudicators for whom deciphering entirely different TRO provisions in each case inevitably takes time.
- 1.3 The Working Group has had representation from local authorities in both England and Wales together with the Department for Transport and Welsh Assembly Government.
- 1.4 The purpose of this report is to present the report of the Working Group in relation to Bus Lanes.

2. WORKING GROUP FOR TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

- 2.1 The report is enclosed at Appendix 1. This represents the work of the Chair of TRO Working Group for Bus Lanes, Kathryn Eldridge from Bath and North East Somerset Council together with a number of officers from England and Wales. The Working Group also liaised with the Department for Transport and the Welsh Assembly Government.
- 2.2 The equivalent report for parking will be presented to the September 2011 Joint Committee meeting following which both reports will be published in a single report.
- 2.3 The Working Group would like to use this opportunity to obtain wider feedback from local authorities using the specimen articles to incorporate into the final report in September.
- 2.4 It will be made clear to local authorities that it is their responsibility to ensure that their TROs meet statutory requirements.

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Appendix 1