

EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBER DEPUTY LEADER

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader:-

MONDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 2022

Following consideration of the matters detailed below in the presence of:-

Councillor Mrs. Fairclough	Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader
Councillor Haworth	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor D. Wilkinson	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Sanders	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Grant	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Newall	Minor Opposition Spokesperson

Officers

Mr. J. Dyson	Director of Place Services
Mr. D. Lowe	Assistant Director Highways and Engineering
Mr. D. Shepherd	Principal Group Accountant
Ms. L. McGuinness	Senior Lawyer
Mr. I. D. Mulholland	Deputy Democratic Services Manager

7. MONITORING OF DECISIONS

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which provided an update on decisions that had previously been taken.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

8. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY FINANCIAL SUPPORT 2022 AND BEYOND

The Director of Place submitted a report advising on the financial support needed to facilitate Remembrance Sunday parades for 2022 and beyond.

Remembrance Sunday was classed as an event of National Significance, and it was customary for local townships/groups to commemorate those who had fallen through remembrance events and parades on the public highway.

To facilitate these events there was a legal requirement to close affected roads by promoting a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (Special Events Order). In addition, there was a requirement to manage the parade and ensure the safety of participants and other road users. This requirement should be undertaken by a professional Traffic Management contractor with the appropriate competency and resources to ensure a suitably controlled closure.

Historically, events of this nature had been supported by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) who had the necessary powers to control traffic. However, the responsibility for managing those events remained with the event organiser and in 2019 GMP confirmed that whilst they would continue to attend events (as part of their wider civic duties), traffic management would be the responsibility of the organiser. Indeed, GMP would be present at events as, servants of the Crown (and as part of their civic duty) to pay respects for the

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fallen, but important to note, their attendance was not in a working / marshalling capacity.

As roles and responsibilities had continued to change/evolve over recent years, the responsibility for managing and funding the parades had fallen to the individual event organisers, with the Local Authority continuing to fund the, Special Events Order and the Town Centre remembrance event.

Having regard to the above, a Council Motion called for a Policy Development Group (PDG) to be established to consider the cost of traffic management for Remembrance Sunday events and options to relieve the financial burden on event organisers.

Following consideration of the above referenced matters at a Policy Development Group meeting on 28th September 2022 (in response to the Council Motion), it was proposed that the Highways & Engineering service should assume responsibility for co-ordinating both the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order and deployment of traffic management infrastructure/resources to all events across the Borough.

The report also detailed the 2022 Remembrance Parades, which were-

- Town Centre North
- Astley Bridge
- Bromley Cross
- Horwich
- Blackrod
- Westhoughton
- Kearsley
- Farnworth
- Little Lever

Additionally, it was proposed that the Council should fund traffic management provision at all remembrance parades across the Borough in 2022 from Council events reserves; and should consider future funding arrangements for District Remembrance Sunday parades/events as part of the 2023/24 budget setting process.

The cost to facilitate the Remembrance Sunday parades for 2022 would be £11,952.00. This comprised £1,116.00 for the Special Events Order and £10,836.00 for provision of temporary traffic management.

The Executive Cabinet Member AGREED-

- (i) the use of 2022/23 Council Events Reserves to fund the 2022 Remembrance Parade/Commemoration events.**
- (ii) to consider future funding arrangements as part of the 2023/24 budget setting process.**