REPORT TO:PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - 8 JANUARY 2007REPORT ON:MEADOWSIDE AT ALBERT SQUARE - PROHIBITION OF DRIVINGREPORT BY:DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORTATIONREPORT NO:5-2007

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report considers the effects of the environmental improvements in Albert Square on Traffic Regulation Orders.

2 **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee, as a result of the environmental improvements to take place on the south side of Albert Street, it is necessary to vary the prohibition of driving between Reform Street and Chapel Street to exclude the exemption for taxis.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 All costs will be met from within the Albert Square Environmental Improvement Scheme Capital budget for 2006/07.

4 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The scheme protects the quality of the city's built heritage and enhances the city centre and local environs.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct equal opportunities implications.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 As part of the environmental improvement taking place in Albert Square the taxi rank adjacent to the McManus Galleries on the south side has been removed and relocated to a position west of Reform Street.
- 6.2 As taxis will continue to be exempt from the prohibition of driving in Panmure Street there is now no requirement for taxis to be exempt from the prohibition of driving in that part of Meadowside between Reform Street and Chapel Street.
- 6.3 It is therefore proposed to vary the Traffic Regulation Order to remove this exemption as indicated on the attached plan. Access is only permissible for emergency vehicles and the security van servicing the bank. This will still be in a one-way easterly direction only.

7 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning), Legal Manager and Chief Constable have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None

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