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REPORT TO: CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 23 JANUARY 2023

REPORT ON: CITY CENTRE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PLAN – COMMERCIAL STREET ENHANCEMENT

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO: 24-2023

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks approval to implement streetscape improvements at the Commercial Street/Murraygate junction (as outlined at Appendix 1), delivering one of the actions contained in the draft City Centre Strategic Investment Plan. This will improve pedestrian safety and reduce illegal vehicle manoeuvres as well as significantly enhancing the public realm of this key junction between two of the city's principal streets.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- a approves the implementation of the first phase of a project to improve pedestrian safety and enhance the public realm in the vicinity of the junction between Commercial Street and Murraygate;
- b delegates the Head of Design and Property to finalise the project design and to implement the scheme within the funds available in the capital plan in 2022/2023; and
- c delegates the Head of Sustainable Transport and Roads to consider further works in this area following a period of monitoring of the initial phase.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The costs of implementing this project are up to £400,000, and will be met from the Capital Plan 2023-2028 City Investment Fund (Build Resilient and Empowered Communities).

4 BACKGROUND

4.1 The Council has been allocated £717,000 of funding from the Scottish Government for the financial year 2022/2023 to support place policy ambitions such as town centre revitalisation, community led regeneration, 20-minute neighbourhoods and Community Wealth Building.

4.2 Reference is made to Report 290-2022 that was approved by the City Development Committee at its meeting on 31 October 2022 (Article VI refers). This report approved the draft City Centre Strategic Investment Plan (CCSIP) and remitted the Executive Director of City Development to pursue external funding to support delivery of projects that would contribute towards the Plan's aspirations.

4.3 Under the Connectivity Theme of the CCSIP, reference is made to measures that will create a safer and more accessible city centre. Within this context, there is a commitment in Action 3.4 of the CCSIP to "redesign the Commercial Street/Murraygate junction to improve pedestrian priority and reduce illegal vehicle movements".

4.4 The existing city centre road network limits through traffic by designating certain streets as pedestrian and servicing only, and bus and/or taxi only. However, despite these measures a

number of issues occur which negatively impact the connectivity and environment of the city centre, including significant abuse by private cars.

- 4.5 It is proposed to enhance and extend the existing shared surface across Commercial Street into Murraygate to clearly demarcate that this is an area of pedestrian priority. As part of this, it is proposed that the carriageway of Commercial Street at the Murraygate junction is reduced to a single lane with vehicles heading north from Seagate towards Meadowside given priority over those heading south. Other measures elsewhere in Commercial Street will be considered as part of a traffic management review which is proposed as part of the city Centre Strategic Investment Plan.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been subject to the Pre-IIA Screening Tool and does not make any recommendations for change to strategy, policy, procedures, services or funding and so has not been subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment. An appropriate Senior Manager has reviewed and agreed with this assessment.

6 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Council Leadership Team were consulted in the preparation of this report.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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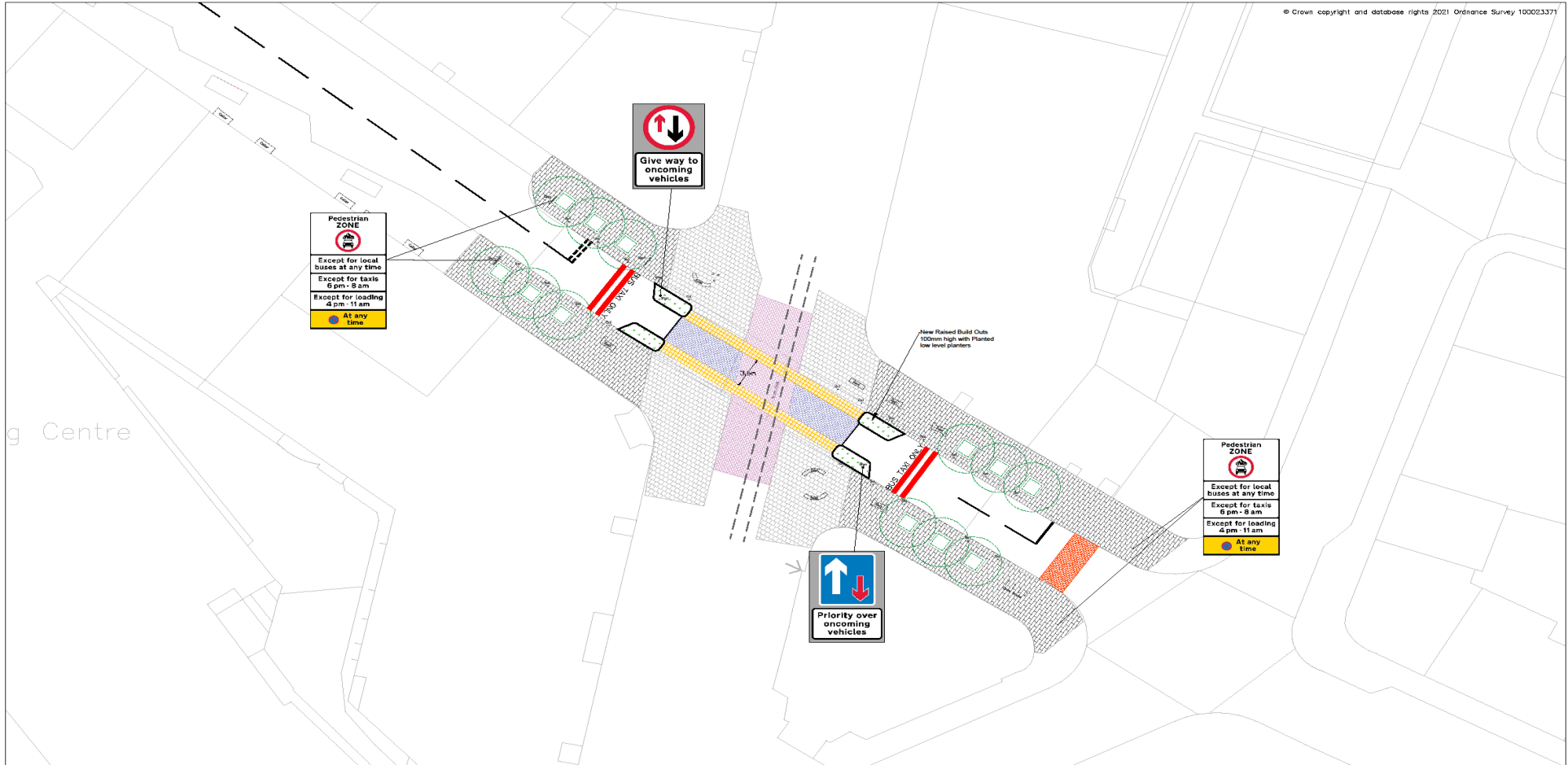
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APPENDIX 1



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Rev	Description	Initials	Date

		Project Title Commercial Street Environmental Improvements	
Drawing Title Consultation Layout		Project No./Ref RD181	
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