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REPORT TO: CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 25 OCTOBER 2021

REPORT ON: VARIATION OF CITY CENTRE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME (BUS LANES) ORDER 2021

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO: 276-2021

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report details a proposal to make permanent two bus lanes which were initially introduced on a temporary basis to assist bus operator recovery by providing new bus priority measures during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the preparation of the Traffic Regulation Variation Order to add both Meadowside and West Marketgait/Hawkhill into the existing Tayside Regional Council (City of Dundee) (Traffic Management Scheme) Order 1992.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The estimated cost of the order advertisement is £350.

4 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Two temporary bus lanes were introduced at Meadowside and West Marketgait/Hawkhill (at Westport) during the COVID-19 pandemic to assist bus operator recovery through improved journey time reliability. The introduction of the bus lanes was funded by the Transport Scotland Bus Priority Rapid Deployment Fund which was for £350,000, and implemented as a temporary measure initially.

- 4.2 Following the successful implementation of the bus lanes, which were introduced under a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order, the option is available to retain the bus lanes and make the traffic restrictions permanent by means of a Traffic Regulation Order.

- 4.3 The Order will be advertised with an exemption of buses and taxis from the restrictions. The inclusion of taxis in the exemptions will provide consistency with other bus lanes in the City, and recognises the role of taxi services in providing a range of sustainable transport options to the travelling public.

- 4.4 An existing cycle lane facility will operate adjacent to the Meadowside bus lane and a short diversion route will be required for all other vehicles by way of Bell Street and Victoria Road.

- 4.5 At Hawkhill all restricted vehicles will be required to use the adjacent northbound traffic lane with no additional diversions required.

- 4.6 Drawings detailing the bus lanes are available to view via the following web link:

<https://www.dundee.gov.uk/service-area/city-development/sustainable-transport-and-roads/traffic-orders-2021>

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been subject to an assessment of any impacts on Equality and Diversity, Fairness and Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. There are no major issues.

6 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Council Management Team have been consulted in the preparation of this report and are in agreement with its content.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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