REPORT TO:PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - 24 MAY 2004REPORT ON:DENS STREET ONE WAY RESTRICTION

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

**REPORT NO: 339-2004** 

#### 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report details the Traffic Regulation Order required to improve access and egress at Princes Street/King Street.

#### 2 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that Committee approve the preparation of a Traffic Regulation Order to reverse the one-way direction of traffic flow in Dens Street from southbound to northbound.

## 3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost of the works estimated at £1,000 will be met from the Transportation Division revenue allocation for minor works in 2004/2005.

#### 4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Improved access and safety will result from this proposal.

## 5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no equal opportunities implications associated with this report.

## 6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 Following the opening of Lower Princes Street and the relocation of main traffic flow to this new route, King Street and Princes Street traffic flows have reduced considerably. Turning manoeuvres to and from these quieter streets are restricted in part at both the east and west ends. Ease of access to the residential area and retail outlets could be significantly improved by reversing the direction of flow on Dens Street. This would become a direct unrestricted link to and from Lower Princes Street.
- 6.2 It is proposed to retain a one-way restriction to the flow to retain the on-street parking in Dens Street. The gradient from Dens Street is significant but drivers re-starting here are no longer required to join high levels of flow travelling at high speed.

## 7 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) and the 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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