

MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING Thursday 11th March 2021

PRESENT: Councillor Donna Williams (Chair); Councillors Boriss, Burke, Dale, Neil Emmott, Susan Emmott, Nolan, Rowbotham, Susan Smith, Wardle, West and Peter Williams

OFFICERS: Lauren Mason and Alan Webster (Neighbourhoods Directorate) and Alison James (Resources Directorate)

1 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Joinson, Councillor Martin and Councillor Robinson.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3 **URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

There were no urgent items of business.

4 **ST LEONARD'S STREET, MIDDLETON EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

The Township Committee considered the report of the Director of Neighbourhoods which provided an update on proposals for St Leonard's Street, Middleton using the Government's Active Travel Fund and to seek approval to implement an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a prohibition of motor vehicles on St Leonard's Street.

Alternatives considered

Keep St Leonard's Street in its existing form and do not undertake any work.

There are very few viable alternatives which meet the criteria for the Active Travel Fund.

Decision

1. That an experimental scheme to approve the introduction of an experimental TRO to prohibit motor vehicles from driving along St Leonard's Street, to create a walking and cycling route free from vehicular traffic be approved. The proposed length of road to be closed to motor vehicles is to be from a point approximately 30-40 metres west of Long Street to a point approximately 40 metres from Morton Street. The extent of the road to be closed to motor vehicles may be varied prior to the scheme being implemented but it is envisaged that no vehicular accesses will be affected by the proposals;
2. That the Head of Highways and Engineering Service and Assistant Director (Legal, Governance and Workforce) be authorised to promote,

advertise and make the required Experimental Traffic Regulation Order ('TRO').

Reasons for the decision

Rochdale Council have been successful in obtaining Active Travel Fund from Central Government with the principal aim to reallocate road space from motorised vehicles to active forms of travel such as walking and cycling.

5 COUNCILLOR MALCOLM BORISS

The Committee noted that this would be the last Township meeting attended by Councillor Malcolm Boriss prior to him standing down at the forthcoming local election. The Committee thanked Councillor Boriss for his service to the Council and residents and wished him well for the future.