

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER 2017

A361 HIGH STREET (BURFORD) PROPOSED 7.5 TONNE WEIGHT LIMIT RESTRICTION

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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(The Committee's decision on this matter will be a recommendation to the Cabinet)

1. PURPOSE

At the request of the Chairman, to give consideration to the proposed introduction of a 7.5 tonne Weight Restriction within Burford

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee considers whether to recommend that the Cabinet expresses support for the proposed Weight Limit Restriction.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1. Oxfordshire County Council has proposed the introduction of a 7.5 tonne Weight Restriction within Burford on the grounds of promoting road safety, reducing danger and congestion, and improving the environment of the area. The proposal is primarily intended to protect the historic residential streets and its community from heavier lorry traffic. The restriction would also force heavy goods vehicles to make full use of the alternative major road network around the area.

3.2. Full details of the proposal can be found in the public notice attached as Appendix A.

3.3. Burford Town Council has responded to the consultation expressing its support for the proposals. Details of the Town Council's response may be viewed on the Council's website [here](#)

3.4. The Chairman has asked that this matter be brought before the Committee to enable Members to give consideration to making a recommendation to the Cabinet that the Council expresses its support for the introduction of the Order as proposed.

3.5. The Committee is invited to consider and determine the request.

4. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

None applicable

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

6. REASONS

The introduction of a weight limit restriction within Burford would accord with the Council's aim to maintain and enhance West Oxfordshire as one of the best places to live, work and visit in Great Britain and its priority to protect the environment whilst supporting the local economy.

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Background Papers:
None