

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	THE REOPENING OF BEDFORD PLACE TO TRAFFIC		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	15 JULY 2021		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	COUNCILLOR FIELKER - CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		
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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>			
None			
<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>			
At the 15 July meeting the Chair has requested that the Committee discuss with the Cabinet Member for Growth the decision to reopen Bedford Place to traffic from the week commencing 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2021.			
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>			
	(i)	That the Committee consider the appended briefing paper on Bedford Place reopening to traffic and discuss the decision with the Cabinet Member for Growth and invited officers.	
<b>REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>			
1.	To enable the Committee to scrutinise the decision to reopen Bedford Place to traffic in advance of the decision being implemented.		
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b>			
2.	None.		
<b>DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)</b>			
3.	In August 2020, to support the hospitality trade and social distancing following the first Covid lockdown, Bedford Place was pedestrianised as part of a trial scheme in the Bedford Place area, along with Carlton Place, part of Lower Banister Street and Winchester Street. This was delivered via an 18-month Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO).		
4.	A decision was taken on 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 to withdraw the ETRO and to reopen Bedford Place to traffic in the week commencing 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2021.		
5.	Attached as Appendix 1 is a briefing paper explaining the decision making process, the rationale for the decision and the evidence utilised to inform the decision to reopen Bedford Place to traffic.		
6.	The Committee are requested to consider the briefing paper and explore the details with the Cabinet Member for Growth and invited officers.		

<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Capital/Revenue</u></b>	
7.	Identified in Appendix 1 attached to this report.
<b><u>Property/Other</u></b>	
8.	Identified in Appendix 1 attached to this report.
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></b>	
9.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
<b><u>Other Legal Implications:</u></b>	
10.	Identified in Appendix 1 attached to this report.
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</b>	
11.	Identified in Appendix 1 attached to this report.
<b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>	
12.	Identified in Appendix 1 attached to this report.
<b>KEY DECISION</b>	No
<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	Bedford Place is in Bevois Ward but the area is a large employment centre and is a hub for the night time economy and hospitality industry in the city.
<b><u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u></b>	
<b>Appendices</b>	
1.	Briefing paper – Bedford Place (Road) Pedestrianisation Trial
2.	First Go! Southampton Business Survey
3.	Second Go! Southampton Business Survey
<b>Documents In Members' Rooms</b>	
1.	None
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessments (ESIA) to be carried out?	Detailed in Appendix 1
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out?	Detailed in Appendix 1
<b>Other Background Documents - Equality Impact Assessment and other Background documents available for inspection at:</b>	

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	None