



ARTICLE NO: 3C

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**MEMBERS UPDATE 2015/16
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Article of: **Assistant Director Community Services**

Relevant Managing Director: **Managing Director (People & Places)**

Relevant Portfolio Holder: **Councillor John Hodgson**

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SUBJECT: PARADES ROAD CLOSURES TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847

Wards affected: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF ARTICLE

- 1.1 To inform Members of recent changes in the way the Council deals with requests for road closures under the Town Police Clauses Act 1847.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A report was previously submitted to Cabinet on 21 July 2010 seeking approval for the Assistant Director Community Services to be given delegated authority to make Orders under Section 21 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847.
- 2.2 At the meeting it was resolved that delegated authority be given to the Assistant Director Community Services to make Orders under Section 21 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847.
- 2.3 In the report background information this decision was informed by the police resourcing and managing the traffic along the route of the parade.

3.0 CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 The police have recently notified local authorities within Lancashire that they are no longer in a position to resource and manage traffic arrangements at parades and will therefore not be in attendance for the purpose of traffic management. They will, however, continue to resource and manage traffic for Remembrance Day parades.
- 3.2 Lancashire County Council, in consultation with all Lancashire local authorities and the police, have produced a new draft guidance for road closure procedures using traffic management companies/stewards to manage traffic for these events rather than the police.
- 3.3 In light of the above, the existing procedure in relation to parades/processions has been amended to reflect this change. The procedure now being followed is :
- the event organiser will initially contact this Council directly regarding the event providing full details of traffic management arrangements and relevant insurance cover in relation to the proposed event
 - WLBC officers will then forward this information on to Lancashire County Council and the police for their consideration and approval
 - upon receipt of approval from both the County Council and the police, the Assistant Director Community Services will then instruct the Council's Legal Services section to make an Order under Section 21 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847
 - copies of the sealed Order will be forwarded to the event organiser, the County Council and the police for their records
 - copies of the sealed Order will be posted on the event route by the event organiser
 - a copy of the sealed Order will also be placed on the Council's website and on the notice board outside the Council Offices at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk.
- 3.4 The above amendments will sit alongside existing arrangements where Orders will continue to be made subject to a police presence being in place to deal with the traffic management of the event i.e. Remembrance Day Parades.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS/COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 4.1 There are no significant sustainability implications associated with this update and in particular, no significant impact on crime and disorder.

5.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 The actions referred to in this update are covered by the scheme of delegation to Members and it has not been necessary to make any changes in the relevant operational risk registers.

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Article.

Equality Impact Assessment

The Article is for information only and does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore an Equality Impact Assessment is not required

Appendices

None.