

## CLIMATE, BIODIVERSITY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

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**Date:** Tuesday, 4 June 2024

**Title:** CoHSAT Oxford Traffic Filters Meeting

**Contact Officer:** Deputy Town Clerk

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### Background

At the Council meeting held on 15 April 2024, Members received a verbal report from the Leader regarding a request from CoHSAT (Coalition for Healthy Streets and Active Travel) to facilitate an awareness meeting between CoHSAT and the residents of Witney regarding the "Traffic Filters" which were being introduced in Oxford during the Autumn; these would require many people who drive vehicles into Oxford to make changes to their route. This would be a chance to receive information at a free, ticketed event and was not a consultation event.

There were further discussions by this Committee at the meeting held on 23 April 2024,

*There were reservations as this would not be a Town Council event. Members wished it be clear that the scheme was that of Oxfordshire County Council and the importance for residents to be aware of this, some members therefore thought that hosting in a town council building such as the Corn Exchange may cause confusion whereas Burwell Hall would give a community feel to the presentation.*

*Members also discussed the potential attendance of such an event and would welcome as high attendance as possible. The Chair asked that Officers review available dates and venue options.*

*A member raised his lack of knowledge of the scheme and asked that further information be circulated by Officers.*

### **Resolved:**

- 1. That, further information be circulated by Officers to update Members on the scheme and,*
- 2. That, Officers work with the Leader and Chair of the Climate, Biodiversity & Planning Committee to find a suitable date and venue.*

### **Current Situation**

Further information was circulated to Members by the Committee Clerk/Senior Administrative Officer after the meeting.

Following discussion with the organisers of the event regarding venue and volunteer availability, the event has been scheduled for Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June in the evening at the Corn Exchange.

The event will be ticketed (free) via the Council's online ticketing provider and communications will be issued in the coming days.

## **Environmental impact**

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

The County Council's Oxford Traffic Filter Scheme has a positive environmental impact. However, there is no direct impact on the decision to hold a meeting to inform residents.

## **Risk**

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

There is a risk that the meeting, although only facilitated by Witney Town Council, may be received negatively.

## **Financial implications**

Described here or as stated in the report above.

- Subsidised hire of the Corn Exchange Main Hall (agreed in principle – referred to the Policy, Governance & Finance meeting on 10 June for note).
- Officer time in facilitating and assisting in promotion of the event.

## **Recommendations**

This report is for information only and Members are invited to note its content.