
Report To:	Special Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date:	27 November 2018
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Subject:	Access to Carriageway for Contractors		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on recent developments relative to putting in place measures to allow contractors, using the Town Hall, access to the carriageway underneath the Municipal Buildings.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 At the last meeting of the Committee, it was decided to allow contractors using the Greenock Town Hall access to the carriageway underneath the Municipal Buildings by way of a fob. Officers undertook investigations into how this might be achieved and to facilitate the instruction in the most appropriate way once all matters had been considered.
- 2.2 Council management took advice from Building Standards and other relevant parties to ensure that their proposals for access complied with all relevant Building Standards Regulations and Health & Safety requirements. This included an approach to the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS). The SFRS advised that no vehicles should be within the carriageway at any time as they constituted an unacceptable risk to safety in the event of a fire within the Municipal Buildings or the Town hall.
- 2.3 Given the clear advice from SFRS, Officers are accordingly unable to carry out the instructions from the Committee to facilitate access for contractors to the carriageway on the grounds of fire safety.
- 2.4 The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service advised that as the carriageway is used as a fire evacuation route for both the Municipal Buildings and the Town Hall, vehicles parked in this area represent an obstacle to the safe passage of persons using the evacuation route. Further, the vehicles themselves represent an ignition source, and this represents an unacceptable risk within a fire evacuation route. The SFRS further advised that as the UK is currently on a heightened terror risk level, vehicles should not be provided with access to the carriageway beneath the Municipal Buildings at any time.
- 2.5 Those individuals who had previously had access to the carriageway for the purposes of parking will now no longer have such access as all vehicles will now be prohibited from parking within the carriageway.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Committee is asked to note that having taken advice from the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service regarding proposals to allow access to the carriageway for contractors using the Town Hall, Officers are unable to facilitate such a provision on the grounds of fire safety.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

4.1 Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

4.2 Legal

N/A.

4.3 Human Resources

This report has no Human Resources implications. Those individuals who have up until now had access to the carriageway for the purposes of parking have been advised that they will no longer be able to park within the carriageway.

4.4 Equalities

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

Yes N/A

No This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

4.5 Repopulation

This report has no impact on repopulation

5.0 CONSULTATIONS

5.1 This report has been produced following consultations with Building Standards, Health & Safety and the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.

6.0 CONCLUSIONS

6.1 Conclusions are as presented in the summary and recommendations.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

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