

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

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Report by Director of Environment

THE EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL  
(GLEN STREET BRIDGE, GLEN STREET, BARRHEAD)  
(WEIGHT RESTRICTION) ORDER 20[\*\*]

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To submit for the approval of the Council the making and confirmation of “The East Renfrewshire Council (Glen Street Bridge, Glen Street, Barrhead) (Weight Restriction) Order 2014” which will have the effect of prohibiting vehicles with a mass gross weight in excess of 7.5t from a specific section of Glen street, Barrhead (See Appendix 1). The order will make it an offence for any person to drive a motor vehicle in excess of the stated weight on the section of road specified. There will be an exemption for emergency vehicles attending an incident and for East Renfrewshire Council operated vehicles carrying out essential roads maintenance and winter gritting operations provided that no more than one such vehicle shall pass over the bridge at any one time.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. The Council is asked to approve the making and confirmation of “The East Renfrewshire Council (Glen Street Bridge, Glen Street, Barrhead) (Weight Restriction) Order 2014”.

**BACKGROUND**

3. Following an assessment by East Renfrewshire Councils Roads Service, it was found that the Glen Street Bridge which carries a section of Glen Street, Barrhead, has inadequate capacity for weights in excess of 7.5t.

4. A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order was promoted on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013 for the specified section of road making it an offence for any person to drive a motor vehicle with a mass gross weight in excess of 7.5t. The Temporary Order will expire on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014.

5. The Council has a duty under the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 to secure the safe movement of traffic on the local road network. One aim of the Councils’ Local Transport Strategy is to adapt and manage the road network so that it can efficiently and safely meet the needs of all road users.

**REPORT**

6. In order to secure the safe movement of vehicular traffic on the public road network it is essential to limit vehicles in excess of the safe weights from accessing the particular sections of the road.

7. Glen Street, Barrhead is a local core road giving general access to a number of properties and businesses and serves as an important link road between Main Street and Carlibar Road. Following an assessment of the bridge it is considered necessary to introduce a 7.5t weight restriction at this location.

## **FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY**

8. There will be no additional costs occurred in implementing this Traffic Regulation Order.

9. By approving this proposed Order there will be an immediate safety benefit offered to the public as well as significantly increasing the potential life span of the particular bridge structure by the introduction of the weight restriction prohibiting vehicles in excess the specified weight from travelling across the structure.

## **CONSULTATION**

10. Consultation with regards to this order has been carried out in compliance with "The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) Scotland Regulations 1999 (and subsequent amendments)". The emergency services and all other organisations / persons likely to be affected by any provision in the order (including Barrhead Community Council and the local members) were notified individually of the proposals. Notice of the proposal was also published in the local newspaper, the 'Barrhead News'.

11. At the termination of the statutory consultation period no objections were received regarding this proposed weight restriction order.

## **PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

12. The proposed introduction of this Traffic Regulation Order did not involve partnership working other than seeking advanced approval of the proposal from Police Scotland.

## **IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS**

13. By approving this proposed Order there will be minimal future financial and staffing implications resulting from normal maintenance cost associated with occasional sign replacements. It would be reasonable to estimate maintenance costs in the region of £300 every 8 to 10 years over its lifetime. There will be no property, legal, IT, equalities and sustainability implications.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

14. It is proposed that the Council approve this Order which will implement a weight restriction, applicable to all road vehicles in excess of the weight specified in order to address the capacity the structure can safely bear.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

15. The Council is asked to approve the making and confirmation of "The East Renfrewshire Council (Glen Street Bridge, Glen Street, Barrhead) (Weight Restriction) Order 2014".

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

East Renfrewshire Council Local Transport Strategy 2008-2011, Sections 12.3 and 12.5

## **KEY WORDS**

A report seeking approval for the making and confirmation of a Traffic Regulation Order which will have the effect of prohibiting vehicles with a mass gross weight in excess of 7.5t from a specific section of Glen Street, Barrhead. Traffic Regulation Order, TRO, weight restriction, transport.

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