

## **Bus Shelters in Exeter**

Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment

Please note that the following recommendation is subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.

**Recommendation: It is recommended that the Committee notes progress with pursuing the bus shelter replacement programme.**

### **1. Background/introduction**

This report provides an update on Clear Channel's progress with bus shelter replacement installations. It also refers to practice elsewhere and the future context of the Government's Bus Back Better Bus Strategy.

### **2. The Shelter Replacement Programme**

The current programme, subject to County Highways approval, is attached as an appendix.

### **3. Options/Alternatives**

The Committee enquired as to practice in other authorities. The summary position in our neighbouring areas is:

**Cornwall:** Shelters are owned by the authority and maintained by Fernbank in return for the right to advertise. The authority receives a small share of the advertising income.

**Dorset:** A mix of arrangements partly due to local government reorganizations. In Weymouth & Portland and one other town council area, Clear Channel supply and maintain shelters under an arrangement similar to Exeter, dating from 2010.

**Plymouth:** Currently using JC Decaux. Have delayed a retender due to the effects of the pandemic on the advertising market. The Council will be seeking a revenue share which they don't currently get.

**Somerset:** Individual town and district arrangements.

**Wiltshire:** Currently no agreement in place. The former agreement did not include an advertising revenue share.

Since the last meeting of this Committee, the Government have launched their new Bus Strategy - Bus Back Better. [Bus back better - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/bus-back-better) This sets out the expectation that local authorities will work in formal partnership with bus companies to improve services, as well as encouraging better bus/rail integration and higher priority

for buses on the highway. From this there could be implications for the acquisition and management of bus stop infrastructure.

County Members will have received a briefing on how the County Council will proceed. There will be opportunities for them, other stakeholders and public to contribute towards the ongoing development of a Bus Services Improvement Plan. This plan will go before Cabinet in October and must be published by the County Council by the end of that month. Exeter City Council will be involved as a stakeholder.

There is potential for future revenue and capital funding arising from the Enhanced Partnerships, which have to begin operation by April 2022.

#### **4. Consultations/Representations/Technical Data**

Not applicable.

#### **5. Financial Considerations**

There is no financial consideration for DCC or ECC with the existing contract. Digital advertising revenue is over and above the original contract.

#### **6. Environmental Impact Considerations**

The Authority has a responsibility to ensure that shelters are disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner when they are dismantled.

All dismantled shelters are transported to Clearchannel's Central Depot. Materials from the dismantled shelters are then inspected and utilised in the following ways:

- The metal infrastructure of the shelter is inspected and assessed. Re-furbished shelters are produced from the salvaged materials. For every four dismantled shelters they are able to produce approximately one re-furbished shelter. Re-furbished shelters are then offered to customers at discounted prices.
- Parts are salvaged and cleaned to provide maintenance stock which is distributed nationally.
- 100% of fluorescent tubes and lamps are recycled.
- Electrical equipment is recycled where fit for purpose.
- Glass is recycled and used as aggregate.
- Metals beyond use are re-cycled.

#### **7. Equality Considerations**

Wherever possible the Department for Transport's "Inclusive Mobility" guidelines are adopted. In some locations restricted pavement width may make it impossible to fully comply. Full details of the guidelines are available at:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/3695/inclusive-mobility.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/3695/inclusive-mobility.pdf)

## 8. Legal Considerations

There are no specific legal considerations, other than those related to Control of Advertisements Regulations described in section 4.

## 9. Risk Management Considerations

This policy/proposal has been assessed and all necessary safeguards or action have been taken/included to safeguard the Council's position.

## 10. Public Health Impact

None.

## 11. Summary/Conclusions/Reasons for Recommendations

Progress on the replacement programme is being monitored. Priority is being given to sites where for whatever reason (such as a road traffic collision) there is no shelter.

The use of digital advertising revenue plus annual free shelters adds to the stock of shelters.

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### **Electoral Divisions: All in Exeter**

#### Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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Background Paper	Date	File Ref.
None		

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**Appendix I  
To PTE/21/24**

Site No.	Council priority sites	Address	Start	Completion
0380	Y	Opp Lidl, Wonford Road, Burnthouse Lane , Exeter <b>(School holidays, do with 104)</b>	26/07/2021	28/07/2021
0104		os Lidl, Burnthouse Lane <b>(Move shelter down only) (School holidays, do with 104)</b>	27/07/2021	29/07/2021
0210		Ribston Avenue opp 47, Exeter <b>(School holidays)</b>	02/08/2021	04/08/2021
0374	Y	90 Cowick Lane, after Franklyn Drive junction, Exeter	02/08/2021	04/08/2021
0381	Y	Knowle Drive/Glos Road junction, Exeter	03/08/2021	05/08/2021
0383	Y	Fathings, Shillingford Road, opp Fairfield Rd, Exeter	03/08/2021	05/08/2021
0113	Y	Exeter Road/Dart Avenue, Opp Caravan park, Exeter (AKA IFO Sea Orchards, Topsham Road) <b>(Relo existing shelter to Russell Way (New site)</b>	09/08/2021	11/08/2021
0378	Y	8 Grecian Way, opp Glave Saunders Avenue, Exeter	09/08/2021	11/08/2021
0375	Y	The Imperial, New North road, Exeter	10/08/2021	12/08/2021
0384	Y	Russell Way, opp Russell Walk, Exeter <b>(NEW SITE - remove shelter from 113 to this location. Planning submitted)</b>	10/08/2021	12/08/2021
0370		Newcourt Way, Exeter - Tesco bound, Exeter - <b>(NEW SITE. Ext parts)</b>	16/08/2021	18/08/2021
0373		Newcourt Way, City bound, Exeter - <b>(NEW SITE. Shallow services &amp; extended parts)</b>	17/08/2021	19/08/2021
0154	Y	Alphington Road o/s Priory News, Exeter <b>(Need plates due to shallow HV cable in concrete)</b>	23/08/2021	25/08/2021
0382	Y	Harrington Lane, Exeter (stemson Avenue junction) <b>(Need BT fibre drawings as shallow) 9.30-15.30</b>	24/08/2021	26/08/2021
0144		Woodwater Lane, j/o Carlton Road <b>(School holidays)</b>	31/08/2021	02/09/2021

0007		Beacon Lane, opp Lancelot Road, o.s Northcote School <b>(School holidays)</b>	01/09/2021	03/09/2021
0220		Barrack Road, opp Roseville <b>(TTRO do with 216)</b>	06/09/2021	08/09/2021
0216		Barrack Road, j/o buckeral ave <b>(TTRO do with 220)</b>	07/09/2021	09/09/2021
0112		Wonford Road, adj Geneva Close	13/09/2021	15/09/2021
0219		Holloway Street o/s 25 Exeter <b>(TTRO required)</b>	14/09/2021	16/06/2021
0190		Barrack Road, o/s Royal Devon hospital <b>(Nights)</b>	20/09/2021	22/09/2021
0191	Y	Honiton Road, o.s Met Office <b>(TTRO Nights)</b>	21/09/2021	23/09/2021
0346		Main Road, at Venny bridge, Exeter	18/10/2021	20/10/2021
0103		Heavitree Road j/o Barrack Road, Exeter - Livery Dole <b>(TTRO REQUIRED)</b>	19/10/2021	21/10/2021
0038		Queens Street, Exeter <b>(RTA'd August 20) School hols</b>	25/10/2021	27/10/2021
0199		Church Road adj Legion Way, Exeter <b>(9.30-2.30) Letterdrops – School hols</b>	26/10/2021	28/10/2021
0208		Collins Road Adj. No. 6 Exeter <b>(move shelter up 600mm to avoid electric cabinet &amp; allow DDA access)</b>	01/11/2021	03/11/2021
0052		Blackboy Road, j/o Alexandra Terrace,	02/11/2021	04/11/2021
0377	Y	Mount Pleasant Road, Mount Pleasant Health Centre, Exeter <b>(TTRO - Location of shelter required as bench in way)</b>	08/11/2021	10/11/2021
0125		Topsham Road o/s Crematorium, Exeter	09/11/2021	11/11/2021
0385		Bus Station, Cheeke Street, Exeter LHS	15/11/2021	17/11/2021
0386		Bus Station, Cheeke Street, Exeter RHS	17/11/2021	19/11/2021

0205		Cheeke Street J/O Bampfylde Street Exeter <b>(Awaiting further instruction from highways before programming)</b>	ON HOLD	ON HOLD
0354		Sidwell Street <b>(Reinstall)</b>	ON HOLD	ON HOLD
0146		Burnthouse Lane opp Browning Close, Exeter <b>(Temp removal and storage. Work under developer permit)</b>	ON HOLD	ON HOLD