**Brighton Place Community Update**

**28 August 2018 – 1800 Hours**

**Portobello Library**

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| **Item No** | **Topic** | **Action** |
| 1 | **Christmas Trade -** Trader’s raised concerns about Brighton Place closure during the Christmas period.  | Council Officers to ensure that contractors are off-site and Brighton Place is open during the Christmas period. It is proposed to re-open Brighton Place on 1st December 2018. |
| 2 | **Rosefield Place Access -** Construction traffic will need to access Rosefield Place during the St James development | Contractor and Project Manager to liaise with St James development to allow access during phases 3 & 4. |
| 3 | **School travel routes- bus diversions-** Information about bus diversions for school children | Council Officers to contact Portobello High School and Holyrood High School to inform them of bus diversions. |
| 4 | **Marketing –** Concerns were raised about loss of trade on Portobello High Street during the 60 week closure of Brighton Place. The concerns were mostly as a result of 4 buses being diverted away from Brighton Place. The 21 will be diverted to ensure that it will still service Portobello High Street. A request was made to ensure that not all communications were digital but that printed materials would also be produced for those that prefer hard copy information. | Council Officers to developing marketing possibilities prior to and during the Brighton Place closure. This should include the promotion of Portobello High Street.Officers noted the requirement to produce printed materials and to use other ways to communicate to the wider community. E.g. lamp-post wraps. |
| 5 | **Cycling access during works –** Pavements will be open throughout the works allowing pedestrian access at all times. Cyclists will have access throughout the works but will have to dismount to use the pavements | Contractors to erect “Cyclists Dismount” signs during the works. |
| 6 | **Utility Works –** Utility companies have been contacted to inform them of the works. The issue of future fibre optic cable laying in the carriageway was raised. | Council Officers to check if there are future plans for fibre optic cable to be installed in Brighton Place. |
| 7 | **Bus Diversions –** General approval that the 21 bus will be diverted back onto Portobello High Street. There were still concerns that some people would have to get 2 buses during the works. | Lothian buses to investigate whether a loop could be added to the 69 bus route. |
| 8 | **Rat runs –** Concern was expressed that local streets become rat runs in avoidance of street works. | Officers to monitor use of local streets put in measures to reduce traffic, such as “local Access Only” signs.  |
| 9 | **Additional Transport –** Some people may find it more difficult to access Portobello High Street during to Brighton Place Closure. This includes people with mobility issue having to take change buses and bus stops moving from current location. | Council Officers developing assisted travel options. This may include an assisted bus or, as has been used with other capital works, a taxi service for people with mobility issues. |
| 10 | **Rate Relief –** Traders asked about whether there were options available for rate relief during the Brighton Place closure. | Councillor Child to check if local traders can make a blanket application for discretionary rates relief.  |
| 11 | **Ongoing Communications-** Traders requested improved communications moving forwards. | Officers agreed to arrange update meetings to support 2 way communications. |