

4 JANUARY 2011

ESTABLISHING A TOWN CENTRE PARKING WORKING GROUP

Ward(s) All

Portfolios: Councillor T. Ansell – Transport

Report:

The Environment Scrutiny and Performance Panel agreed at their meeting held on 10th June, 2010 that a working group be established, at some point during 2010, to look at car parking.

Whilst considering the quarter 2 financial monitoring position for 2010/11 (at the meeting on 16 November, 2010) members also noted that there was a potential risk relating to the level of income received from car parking and enforcement thereof.

Subsequently, members considered that a review of town centre parking should now commence.

The Panel are asked to consider the draft terms of reference attached to this report and appoint members to the Working Group, including a lead Member.

Recommendations:

That:

- 1. the Panel approve the draft terms of reference;**
- 2. membership of the Working Group be agreed;**
- 3. a Lead Member be appointed.**

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Work Group Name:	Town Centre Parking
Panel:	Environment Scrutiny and Performance Panel
Municipal Year:	2010/11
Lead Member:	TBC
Lead Officer:	TBC
Support Officer:	Neil Picken
Membership:	TBC

1.	Context
	<p>The provision and management of car parking facilities have a significant impact on the vitality of the town centre. The quality, price and location of car parking facilities all influence travel patterns, traffic congestion and demand for parking.</p> <p>A range of policies, legislative constraints and user surveys already influence day to day operation and future development of parking facilities:</p> <p>Traffic Management Act 2004 Local Transport Plan Council Approved Parking Strategy Regeneration Policy Town centre survey Blue Badge community survey Availability of public transport Budget constraints</p> <p>In recognition of the complexities related to the provision and management of parking facilities, Members agreed at their meeting held on 10th June, 2010 that a working group be established at some point during 2010 to look at car parking.</p> <p>Whilst considering the quarter 2 financial monitoring position for 2010/11 (at their meeting on 16 November, 2010) members also noted that there was a potential risk relating to the level of income received from car parking and enforcement thereof.</p> <p>Subsequently, members considered that a review of town centre parking should now commence.</p>
2.	Objectives
	<p>1. To clearly understand the influencing factors and constraints to the provision and management of parking facilities.</p>

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	<p>2. To review the current pricing structure, its impact on the local economy and its influence on demand for commuter parking.</p> <p>3. To review the number and location of car parks;</p> <p>4. To develop recommendations for a report to Cabinet on the future provision of car parks.</p>		
3.	Scope		
	<p>Council car parks; Publicly accessible private car parks; On street parking;</p>		
4.	Equalities Implications		
	<p>Careful consideration will be given to ensure that the working groups report and recommendations does not unfairly disadvantage any resident under the six strands of equality.</p>		
5.	Who else will you want to take part?		
	<p>Regeneration; Private car park operators; Local Businesses (Tesco, Asda, Saddler Centre); Disabled Groups Town Centre Manager Area Manager</p>		
6.	Timescales & Reporting Schedule		
	<p>Report to Environment Services Scrutiny and Performance Panel on 8TH March, 2011 or a special meeting to be arranged to be held no later than 29th April, 2011.</p>		
7.	Risk factors		
	Risk	Likelihood	Measure to Resolve

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Date Agreed:		Date Updated:	
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Timetable: TBA