
Scrutiny Review into Car Parking

Committee considering report:	Executive on 26 May 2016
Portfolio Member:	Councillor Garth Simpson
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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To respond to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission (OSMC) in respect of various parking issues as set out in the report to its meeting on 5 January 2016 and to seek approval to proceed accordingly.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 To note and approve the recommendations of the OSMC and the responses of the Highways and Transport Service as detailed in Appendix C to this report.

3. Implications

- 3.1 **Financial:** None associated with this report although there will be when the terms of reference for a study into recent growth trends and current and future demand for car parking in Newbury have been identified and the study is commissioned.
- 3.2 **Policy:** None arising from this report.
- 3.3 **Personnel:** None arising from this report.
- 3.4 **Legal:** None arising from this report.
- 3.5 **Risk Management:** None arising from this report.
- 3.6 **Property:** None arising from this report.
- 3.7 **Other:** Not applicable.

4. Other options considered

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5. Executive Summary

- 5.1 At its meeting on 15 September 2015, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission (OSMC) agreed to conduct a review into car parking in West Berkshire. The review was undertaken by a cross-party task group, working with Council Officers from the Environment Directorate. The members of the working group were Councillors Lee Dillon, James Frederickson (until his appointment to the Executive), Mike Johnston and Rick Jones. Councillor Johnston was elected as the Chairman. The terms of reference for the Task Group are set out in Appendix A.
- 5.2 The task group concluded its review on 6 December 2015 and made nine recommendations which were endorsed by the OSMC at its meeting on 5 January 2016.
- 5.3 In summary, these recommendations were as follows:
- Develop a district parking plan
 - Develop an integrated transport plan with Reading BC
 - Consider extending the 'Ticketer' system
 - Widen consultation for Residents Parking Schemes
 - Ensure Residents Parking Schemes are cost neutral
 - Consider the extension of access to off-street car parking to augment capacity in Residents Parking Schemes
 - Evaluate the introduction of virtual residents parking permits
 - Commission a parking demand/capacity study for Newbury
 - Assess effectiveness of on-street parking payment methods

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 The Highways and Transport Service welcomes the outcome of the review undertaken by the OSMC and will work through the recommendations as set out in the OSMC report of 5 January 2016 at Appendix D but more specifically in the Response Template at Appendix C if approved by the Executive.
- 6.2 The Executive is requested to consider and approve these recommendations and the responses to them from the Highways and Transport Service.

7. Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix A – Scrutiny Review into Car Parking – Supporting Information
- 7.2 Appendix B – Equalities Impact Assessment
- 7.3 Appendix C – Response Template to the OSMC Review into Car Parking
- 7.4 Appendix D – Scrutiny Review into Car Parking – OSMC report of 5 January 2016