

PARKING POLICY REVIEW

To: **Cambridge City Joint Area Committee**

Meeting Date: **26th July 2016**

From: **Executive Director: Economy, Transport & Environment**

Electoral division(s): **All**

Forward Plan ref:

Key decision: **No**

Purpose: **To update Members on the progress of the Member Working Group for the resident parking policy review for Cambridge City.**

Recommendation: **The Committee is invited to comment on the report content.**

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At the Cambridge City Joint Area Committee (CJAC) meeting of the 26th January 2016, Members approved:
- that a member working group would be established to examine options for on-street parking in Cambridge, with input from invited stakeholders.
 - the working group be composed of three members each from Cambridge City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council.
 - the members of the working group be County Councillors Kavanagh, Scutt and Taylor, and City Councillors Blencowe, C Smart and Smith.
 - the individual members of the working group identify a substitute or alternate from amongst the membership of the Joint Committee should they be unable to attend a meeting.
 - the next meeting of the Joint Committee receive a report setting out the working group's findings to date.
- 1.2 The first meeting of the Members Working Group took place on the 24th March 2016. A number of issues were addressed by the working group at this meeting and included:
- Establishing the group's scope, objectives and key tasks
 - Agreed the group's Terms of Reference
 - Determining the method of engaging stakeholder groups, residents and resident associations.
- 1.3 It was recognised that the engagement of local communities would be key to balancing the evolving needs of those that live, work and visit Cambridge. Therefore It was agreed that:
- An online survey would be sent to a sample of residents, resident associations, trade associations and other groups that had a vested interest in controlled parking in the City of Cambridge.
 - A sample of those that responded would be invited to a public forum to present their views on resident parking within Cambridge City to the working group.
 - The feedback from these surveys would be discussed and considered by the working group and play a key role in helping shape and form the recommendations for the new resident parking policy.

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 The second meeting of the Members Working Group took place on the 5th July 2016. In this meeting the feedback from both the on-line survey and the three public forums was summarised into three main areas which included:

- **Citywide Parking Controls** - A flexible scheme that addresses the needs of the local communities, removes commuter traffic and improves bus, P&R, cycling and walking facilities.
- **Local Parking Controls** – Which included limiting the operational hours of Resident Parking Schemes to 1 - 2 hours, offering limited waiting to support local communities and businesses, considering pavement parking, reviewing permit types and investigating the practicality of virtual permits.
- **Cost and permit limits** – To ensure permit fees fully cover the cost, accounts are transparent, they encourage more sustainable methods of transport and make sure permit numbers are controlled and monitored.

2.2 The highlighted areas and feedback were discussed and considered. It was determined that further information on the following areas would be required and discussed at the next meeting scheduled for 6th August 2016:

- The cost of enforcement
- The cost of providing Resident Parking Schemes across the city
- Best practice nationally
- The use of smart technology for enforcement

2.3 The Parking Policy Manager in conjunction with the City Deal Team will summarise and present to the member working group at their next meeting the results of the parking study undertaken by City Deal consultants Mott MacDonald. This comprehensive study was commissioned to assess how kerb space was utilised in currently unrestricted areas.

3. **ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

3.1 **Developing the local economy for the benefit of all**

The following bullet points set out details of implications identified by officers:

- The development of a comprehensive parking policy will tackle congestion, enhance transport capacity and support economic growth.

3.2 **Helping people live healthy and independent lives**

The following bullet points set out details of implications identified by officers:

- A balanced parking provision and Parking Policy will offer those with special needs real choices throughout the city along with access to alternative travel such as Park & Ride.

3.3 **Supporting and protecting vulnerable people**

The following bullet points set out details of implications identified by officers:

- Careful consideration needs to be given to the number and location of blue badge holder bays to accommodate the needs of both residents' and visitors to Cambridge that hold valid badges

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

This proposal seeks to use resources to their maximum benefit.

4.2 Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications

The Parking Policy review carries the following key risks:

- Failure to adequately manage on-street parking will increase congestion and undermine road safety.
- Failure to cover the cost associated with on-street parking management will have a negative impact on budgets.

These can be mitigated by:

- Implementing parking policies that keep traffic moving and reduce the risk of accidents on the road network.
- Apply suitable pricing structures, where appropriate, to ensure that all operational costs are covered.

4.3 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.4 Engagement and Consultation Implications

The Cambridge Joint Area Committee will be consulted on the draft policies

4.5 Localism and Local Member Involvement

Interaction with local Members, stakeholder groups and residents is essential to a robust policy meeting the needs of both Cambridge and Cambridgeshire.

4.6 Public Health Implications

Reducing congestion, promoting the use of lower emission vehicles and encouraging the use of more sustainable travel options for visitors will have a positive impact on public health.

Source Documents	Location
Report to and minutes of Cambridge City Joint Area Committee – 26 th January 2016	https://cmis.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ccclive/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/19/Committee/11/Default.aspx
Report to and minutes of Cambridge City Joint Area Committee – 7 th June 2016	https://cmis.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ccclive/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/20/Committee/11/Default.aspx
	or, for both meetings, follow links from https://cmis.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ccclive/Committees.aspx