

GROWTH, INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

22 October 2020

PARKING STRATEGY

Report of the Strategic Director for Places

Strategic Aim:	Sustainable Growth	
Key Decision: No	Forward Plan Reference: FP180920	
Exempt Information	No	
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee

1. Reviews the existing Parking Strategy
2. Makes comment on the scope of future Parking Strategy in terms its information and policy content and consultation

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to present the existing Parking Strategy to Scrutiny for review and to invite comment on the shape of a future Parking Strategy and its content and consultation.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The existing Parking Strategy (appendix A) was adopted in 2012.

- 2.2 A view has been expressed that the existing Parking Strategy is out of date. As such, an action within our Local Transport Plan 4 is for the development of a new Parking Strategy. Links between LTP4 and our future Parking Strategy can be found in appendix B.
- 2.3 A new Parking Strategy has not be drafted and is due to be drafted in 2021.
- 2.4 The Parking Manager accepts the need to update as the existing Parking Strategy was published in 2012 and parking pressures and restrictions have changed both in towns and the rest of the County.
- 2.5 Since the existing Parking Strategy was published there has been reform of the process for considering new parking restrictions under the auspices of the Highways & Transport Working Group (HTWG). This process has taken over from the annual parking review mentioned in the existing Parking Strategy but the policies continue to be referred to.
- 2.6 Scrutiny are invited to refer to other authorities' parking strategies and policies. One such example, from Leicestershire County Council, is attached as appendix C.

3 KEY POINTS FOR INCLUSION

- 3.1 Outlined below are the elements that we will be reviewing and updating (where required) in the new strategy:
- 3.2 Parking Strategy objectives and scope.
- 3.3 Policies on the following, either separately or combined:
- Arterial routes
 - Town centres
 - Residential areas
 - Villages and the countryside
 - Schools
 - Car parks
 - Fees & charges
- 3.4 Restrictions required to facilitate the provision of electric vehicle charging bays.
- 3.5 Requirements for inclusion, emanating from LTP4:
- **WRS4 – Undertake a strategic parking review:** We will undertake a strategic parking review to determine how projected population growth may impact on parking availability within the county - enabling us to optimise our existing facilities. Results of the review will be considered within a revised parking strategy.

- **WRS5 – Identify opportunities for further parking provisions:** If a need for further parking provision is identified, we will investigate potential development areas and sources of funding.
- **WRS8 – Consider HGV and lorry parking:** As part of our proposed parking review (see WRS4) we will consider HGV and lorry parking. The findings of this will filter in to our revised parking strategy.

4 STRUCTURE

- 4.1 At this stage Scrutiny are invited to comment on the structure of any future strategy. It is noted that the existing strategy is 55 pages long and other authorities have produced more concise strategies.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 At this stage Scrutiny are invited to comment on the consultation of any future strategy. Wide and targeted consultation, with a long time period, across all means of communication is recommended.

6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 To continue reference to the out of date 2012 Parking Strategy.

7 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 At this stage Scrutiny are invited to comment but once a strategy has been developed financial implications of any schemes and practices will be better known.

8 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 At this stage Scrutiny are invited to comment but once a strategy has been developed legal implications of any schemes and practices will be better known.

9 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 A Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) has been completed for this report and has been sent for review by the Data Protection team.
- 9.2 The draft DPIA indicates no risks/ issues associated with the report, however some risk was identified in association with consultation on the future draft Parking Strategy.
- 9.3 It is proposed that these risks are managed as follows:
- 9.4 Produce a privacy notice to go on any future consultation response forms.
- 9.5 Store data in a secured folder on the O: drive with restricted access.

- 9.6 Delete data once review of consultation findings is complete and strategy adopted.
- 9.7 A copy of the DPIA can be obtained from Heather Caldicott, Transport Strategy Manager.

10 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 10.1 An Equality Impact Assessment First Stage Screening Template has been completed and is attached as appendix D.
- 10.2 The screening template is due to go to the December Equality and Diversity group for consideration, however no negative impacts have been identified as a result of preparing the revised Parking Strategy.
- 10.3 The screening template identifies two protected characteristics where consideration will be needed to ensure the needs of those characteristics are catered for as far as reasonably practicable: 'disability' and 'pregnancy and maternity'.
- 10.4 For the above two protected characteristics, the forthcoming strategy is likely to also have positive impacts as a result of measures to reduce inconsiderate parking – including pavement parking and parking on dropped kerbs, which restricts accessibility for those with restricted mobility, disability or pushing a push chair.

11 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 The strategy will consider measures to help alleviate inconsiderate and dangerous parking, which could pose a risk to pedestrian safety and inhibit the flow of vehicular traffic (including emergency service vehicles).

12 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 The strategy will need to balance the health and wellbeing needs of residents in terms of providing suitable parking to enable accessibility to services and leisure facilities, against the need to encourage modal shift towards more sustainable modes of travel.

13 ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

13.1 Environmental implications

The strategy will look to balance the need to reduce car dependency and environmental pollution with the need to support accessibility and economic growth.

13.2 Human Resource implications

Any additional restrictions will put pressure on existing Civil Enforcement Officers. Either additional staffing resource will be required, or redistribution of existing patrols – reducing presence in some areas.

13.3 Procurement Implications

None noted at present.

14 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 14.1 The existing Parking Strategy is out of date.
- 14.2 To ensure we have robust policies to support decision making a new Parking Strategy is required.
- 14.3 The new Parking Strategy has not yet been written and as such the content of any future strategy is subject to change.
- 14.4 Scrutiny are invited to comment on the shape of a future Parking Strategy and its content and consultation.

15 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 15.1 N/A

16 APPENDICES

- 16.1 Appendix A: Existing 2012 Parking Strategy – available at <https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-community/parking/parking-strategy/>
- 16.2 Appendix B: Links with Local Transport Plan 4
- 16.3 Appendix C: Leicestershire County Council Parking Policy – available at https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/field/pdf/2016/4/5/parking_policy.pdf
- 16.4 Appendix D: Equality Impact Assessment Screening Template

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