

## STOCKPORT COUNCIL

### REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

**Subject:** Stockport Town Centre Car Parking Strategy

**Report to Cabinet**

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> December

**Report of:** (a) Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration

**Key Decision:** (b) Y

Forward Plan ☒

General Exception ☐

Special Urgency ☐

(Mark with a Y  
if applicable)

#### **Summary:**

A review of the car parking strategy in the Town Centre has been undertaken to ensure that the Council's approach is fit for purpose in light of the level of change in the town centre; that the approach supports longer term aspirations for the town centre; and that it takes account of future developments and demand for parking.

Following review by Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee in November, informal consultation on the draft strategy has been undertaken with key stakeholders in Stockport Town Centre to seek feedback on the proposals. The draft strategy has been revised to take account of the feedback received.

In light of this feedback, Cabinet are recommended to review and adopt the Stockport Town Centre Car Parking Strategy.

#### **Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)**

Whilst the Council's overall, long term strategic ambition is to reduce car usage in Stockport town centre by encouraging more sustainable transport modes such as bus, cycling and walking, parking provision is fundamental to the successful operation and function of any town centre and is intrinsically linked to wider transport and land use planning. In addition, car parking provides the Council with a major source of income.

This car parking strategy for Stockport Town Centre aims to set out a refreshed approach to car parking in the town centre which takes account of the Council's overall strategic ambition to reduce car usage and encourage modal shift, the need for the Council to maximise income generation, and the need to support the Council's wider growth aspirations for the Town Centre.

Following a period of informal consultation with key stakeholders in the Town Centre, the draft strategy has been revised, as set out in the report, in order to take account of the comments received.

In developing the strategy, a comprehensive review of existing car parking provision and likely future demand has been undertaken and a request was received at Scrutiny Committee to repeat this methodology to ensure that the car parking strategy for the district centres is equally reviewed.

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**Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)**

Cabinet is recommended to adopt the strategy and consider the request by Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee to undertake a similar review for the district centres.

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**Relevant Scrutiny Committee** (if decision called in): **(e)**

Economy and Regeneration

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**Background Papers** (if report for publication): **(f)**

Contact person for accessing  
background papers and discussing the report

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**'Urgent Business': (g)**

***Yes/ No (Please circle)***

**Certification** (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/ Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.

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