

STOCKPORT COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Parking Strategy update

Report to Cabinet

Date: 1st October 2020

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:

The Council placed a moratorium on the introduction of any new resident parking schemes in 2019 to enable a full review of the existing approach to be taken. This review was required as elements of the existing policy were not working effectively and were not meeting the needs of residents. There were also concerns relating to the impact of schemes on local services and the town and district centres. In order to ensure a coordinated approach, it was agreed that all policies and procedures relating to residents parking, including the Town Centre, would be reviewed.

The Council's approach to parking sits at the intersection of a number of competing agendas including responding to the climate emergency, promoting health, wellbeing and active travel, and promoting economic growth. It has become evident through the review process that any parking policies need to navigate between these sometimes competing priorities whilst also accounting for the expectations of residents, businesses and visitors to Stockport, and managing the impacts of population growth and demographic change.

In light of the above the purpose of the paper is

- To seek comments on the proposed revised principles to guide future parking policy decisions
- To seek feedback on the proposed changes to resident parking policy and town centre parking policy to reflect the revised principles.

Following the review of the feedback received, an updated Residents Parking Policy and Town Centre Residential Parking Policy will be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport for approval and adoption. Subject to the successful approval of these policies, it is intended that the existing moratorium be lifted.

Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)

The Council's approach to parking sits across a number of key agenda areas including our response to the climate emergency and our support for the local economy. The proposed approach set out in this paper and the supporting appendices takes account of all these issues and gives an improved way forward which better supports the Council's wider strategic objectives.

Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)

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

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

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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 Bailey 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.
