

**STOCKPORT COUNCIL**  
**EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET**

**Subject: Resident Permit Parking Scheme - Shaw Road South, Cale Green – Free to Payable**

**Report to: (a)** Central Stockport Area Committee  
2024

**Date:** Thursday, 31 October

**Report of: (b)** Director of Place Management

**Key Decision: (c)** **NO / ~~YES~~** (Please circle)

Forward Plan  General Exception  Special Urgency  (Tick box)

**Summary:**

To report the results of a consultation to change the existing 'free' Resident Permit Parking Scheme on Shaw Road South to that of a payable scheme.

**Recommendation(s):**

The Director of Place Management requests that the Central Stockport Area Committee consider and comment upon the following proposals and approves the removal of the free Resident Permit Parking Scheme and for the area to become unreserved parking available to any motorist on a first come, first served basis.

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

Communities & Transport Scrutiny Committee

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

[Residents Parking Scheme Policy](#)

Contact person for accessing background papers and discussing the report

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**'Urgent Business': (f)** **~~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.

**Resident Permit Parking Scheme - Shaw Road South, Cale Green**

**Report of the Director of Place Management**

**1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To report the results of a consultation to change the existing 'free' Resident Permit Parking Scheme on Shaw Road South to that of a 'payable' scheme.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. Network Management received a request to renew the existing signage and lining related to the 'free' permit parking scheme in place on Shaw Road South from a resident as they had been informed that in their current condition, they were not adequate to enable parking enforcement to be carried out. This request has triggered the Councils Policy to convert from that of a 'free' to 'payable' scheme which will allow maintenance and enforcement.
- 2.2. The Council has been phasing out free Residents Parking for several years, these are done when there is a requirement for maintenance to either the road surface, road markings and signs making parking enforcement very challenging.
- 2.3. The existing council policy is to not maintain currently free parking schemes. This is because we are unable to continue to enforce free parking schemes within the available resources to the council. For free schemes, we rely solely on the signage having a discouraging effect on drivers rather than regular enforcement from our civil enforcement officers.
- 2.4. The cost of a resident parking permit is currently £47.50 per annum with paid schemes also being guaranteed a minimum level of parking enforcement of one visit per week, on random days and at varying times, by the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers. One annual visitor permit per household will also be available, currently at a cost of £47.50 per permit per annum; a 50% discount is available for residents in possession of a Band A Leisure Key. For residents who both hold a valid Blue Badge and drive, there will be one free resident's permit available per household.
- 2.5. For a free to payable scheme to be successful, the majority of residents (51% or more) must be in favour of the change.

**3. CONSULTATION**

- 3.1. A total of 86 no. consultation letters were delivered to properties entitled to the existing 'free' Residents Permit Parking Scheme to ascertain whether they wanted to convert to a payable scheme or opt out and have the scheme removed.
- 3.2. A total of 37 no. responses (43%) were received of which 17 no. responses were in favour (43%) and 20 no. responses (54%) were not in favour of the proposal to convert to a payable scheme. Therefore, the minimum support criteria has not been met.

## **4. EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

### 4.1. Equal Opportunities

- To provide a suitable and safer environment for pedestrians and other road users. The scheme contributes to the Council's vision statement "Promote equal life outcomes for all by tackling known inequalities across the borough of Stockport".

### 4.2. Sustainable Environment

- To develop and sustain a healthy, safe and attractive local environment which contributes to Stockport. Stockport Council understands the responsibility it has to lead by example and help the broader community make a positive contribution to the local environment.

## **5. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1. The Director of Place Management requests that the Central Stockport Area Committee consider and comment upon the following proposals and approves the removal of the free Resident Permit Parking Scheme and for the area to become unreserved parking available for any motorist on a first come first served basis.

### **Background Papers**

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