

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive
Forward Plan
Reference

E3253

Addressing air quality and traffic management issues through the management of parking behaviour on the highway

Decision maker/s	Cllr Neil Butters and Cllr Joanna Wright, Cabinet Members for Transport
The Issue	Members are asked to support and agree to: (1) the proposals and levels of prices as outlined in the report, developed to address air quality issues and to meet strategic objectives of the Parking Strategy, to be published for community engagement. (2) a wider community engagement and/or consultation exercise in relation to the proposals and prices, to seek public input and which will also satisfy the relevant notification and consultation requirements under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA 1984).
Decision Date	23 February 2021
The decision	The Cabinet Members: (1) Agree the levels of charges proposed (noting that these may change following engagement and/or consultation). (2) Agree to the progression of proposals outlined in this report for wider community engagement and/or statutory consultation as appropriate. (3) Agree that any surplus raised from the proposals as implemented be allocated to a revenue reserve account to be applied (where permissible under section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA 1984)), to: a) Cover the cost of implementing the proposals. b) Cover future maintenance of assets to ensure the effective parking enforcement of restrictions. c) To support the development of sustainable transport schemes in accordance with statutory obligations
Rationale for decision	The report details proposals which are intended to (1) improve air quality in the shortest possible time through a major shift to mass transport, walking and cycling and incentives to reduce the use of more polluting vehicles in order to secure the safer movement of pedestrian traffic on the highway by reducing the public health risks posed

	<p>to them by air pollution and/or</p> <p>(2) facilitate the achievement of strategic outcomes of local transport policy by reducing congestion and vehicle intrusion into neighbourhoods, and particularly residential neighbourhoods.</p> <p>All the proposals support the Council's current parking and transportation policies and the broader transport aspirations of the Cabinet.</p>
Financial and budget implications	<p>The funding required to implement the changes to parking charges is proposed to come from parking charges and permit fees in accordance with s55 of the RTRA 1984 and paragraph 2.3 of the report.</p> <p>The Proposals are forecast to generate additional income in year one of £220k and a further £40k per year in years two and three, for a combined forecast income of £300k across three years.</p> <p>Parking charges are recognised within the Parking Strategy with the intention to achieve the Council's transport policy aims of reducing congestion and improving air quality for the benefit of public safety and improved parking management. Any surplus is to be applied for the purposes specified in paragraph 2.3 of the report.</p>
Issues considered	Customer Focus; Sustainability; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Health & Safety; Other Legal Considerations
Consultation undertaken	Cabinet colleagues; Overview & Scrutiny Panel; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer
How consultation was carried out	The proposals have been developed with all Cabinet Members and presented to Climate Emergency and Sustainability PDS for consideration and feedback. Cabinet Members and other consultees have been consulted through the circulation of the draft report and supporting documents for comment and consideration.
Other options considered	None
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision:	None
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	None

Name and Signature of Decision Maker/s	Cllr Neil Butters Cllr Joanna Wright
Date of Signature	Cllr Neil Butters Cllr Joanna Wright
Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision	