

Overview and Scrutiny 2 Tuesday 12 December 2023

Car-Parking Task & Finish Group Update

To provide an update from the Car-Parking Task and Finish Group to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2:

1. Introduction/Background

The Car-Parking task and finish group was created by Overview & Scrutiny Committees 1 & 2 on the 26 September 2023 and was tasked with the following work:

Aims of the review from the proposal form/Terms of Reference:

- To ensure that the car parking policy and its implementation is fair, equitable and accessible for all residents and visitors to the District.
- To make recommendations on future car parking strategies and policy for consideration by the Executive

The following members are on the group;

Cllr John Parrott
Cllr David Palethorpe (until 31 October 2023)
Cllr Jane Taylor
Cllr Paul Parker (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Ron Peart (Chair)

They are supported by Kay Fice (Scrutiny Officer), Martin Flitcroft (Section 151 Chief Financial Officer), Neil Blaney (Head of Place & Commercial Services), Tonya Short (Parking Services Manager) and other officers.

2. Work of the group

The group have met on 2 occasions:

- 12 October 2023
- 31 October 2023

At the first meeting the Group considered the original proposal form and discussed the Terms of Reference.

From that discussion the following information was requested from the Parking Services Manager:

- a) Each car park that is in the Off Street Parking Places Order, whose management it comes under, whether there are charges etc.
- b) Schedule of Car-Parks/charges etc
- c) List of car parks that are managed by Estates that are not on the Off Street Parking Places Order

- d) 2022/23 Costs/income per space/car-park
- e) List of Car-Parks where there are particular issues
- f) Draft Car-Parking Plan from 2022 Review Group (Officer draft)

At the second meeting, all of the above documents were discussed in detail as they helped members of the group gain a greater understanding about parking across the District.

Further information was requested from the Parking Services Manager as follows:

- a) Process for setting and agreeing tariffs
- b) Obtain charges from other authorities for comparison purposes
- c) Further breakdown of income by car-park Mon – Sat + Sunday.
- d) Peak times per car-park
- e) Strategies/Plans from other authorities

3. Next Steps

The Group will be focussing on reviewing the documentation above at the next meeting (scheduled for 11 January 2024) and developing the Car-Parking Plan into a comprehensive document and will report to future meetings of Overview & Scrutiny when appropriate

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