

APPENDIX A)

**PROPOSAL FORM FOR ITEMS FOR
FOR CONSIDERATION BY
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY**

Submitted by:

Cllr P Parker, Cllr D Palethorpe

Item for Consideration:

To review TDC Car Parking Policy and the Off Street Parking Policy and the Off Street Car Parking Plan 2022 - 2027

Expected outcome i.e. new policy, new action, new partnership, review and/or scrutinise the performance of other public bodies or of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas:

To review and scrutinise the current TDC Off Street Car Parking Plan and policy.

To make recommendations for consideration by the Executive on the future strategy for Off Street Car Parking in Car Parks owned by Teignbridge District Council.

To provide a report and make recommendations for consideration by the Executive following a scrutiny regarding the Fore Road, Kingskerswell Petition presented to Council by Cllr J Taylor.

Priority for matter to be considered ✓ :

High (up to 3 months) Medium (3-6 months) Low (over 9 months).

Basis on which priority has been set

**Off Street Car Parking is an area of concern to residents of the Teignbridge District in particular in the car parks sited in areas away from the main centres.
Car Parking is major contribution to the Teignbridge District Council budget.
Off Street Car Parking is an area of concern as indicated in a petition regarding Fore Street, Kingskerswell signed by 300 residents presented to Full Council by Cllr J Taylor on 25 May 2023**

The suggested item should be included in future programme(s) because: (please tick as appropriate) ✓

- (a) It is a district level function over which the district has some control
- (b) It is a recently introduced policy, service area of activity which would be timely to review.
- (c) It is a policy which has been running for some time and is due for review
- (d) It is a major proposal for change
- (e) It is an issue raised via complaints received
- (f) It is an area of public concern
- (g) It is an area of poor performance
- (h) It would be of benefit to residents of the district

(i) Which of the Council's objectives does the issue address?

The Council objective is to be a Community Powered Council committed to Public Engagement and Consultation in which strategies and policies are developed and implemented to be fair and equitable to all residents across the District. The Council is committed to treat residents in a manner that is fair and equitable to all. The Council is committed to ensure it is financially sustainable. Car Park income is a major contributor to the TDC Budget.

(j) Is there a deadline for the Council to make a decision? (If so, when and why?)

Any changes to the change in District owned Car Parking income will impact on the Teignbridge District Council budget and have a consequential impact on all of the residents in the District.

It is proposed that the initial priority is to review and scrutinise the issues raised in the Fore Street, Kingskerswell Petition and a report be provided in response to the residents.

The level at which Parking Charges are set will not be within the scope of this review however any recommended changes to current practice will include approximated budget.

Interim reports with recommendations may arise during the review which will be considered by O&S and presented to Executive for consideration. Interim Reports will be included in the final report.

Members are requested to provide information on the following:-

(k) What do you wish to achieve from the review?

**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**

(l) Are the desired outcomes likely to be achievable?

The desired outcome of a fair, equitable and accessible policy on off road/street car parking in Teignbridge District Council owned Car Parks is achievable

(m) Will it change/increase efficiency and cost effectiveness?

The review will be designed to scrutinise the current offer to residents and visitors with the aim of making recommendations to improve the customer experience of the service whilst ensuring cost effectiveness to the Council

Additional information – an explanatory sentence or paragraph to be provided below to support each box which has been ticked.

In 2015 the Overview & Scrutiny Committee agreed to set up a Car Park Review Group to undertake a strategic review of the Council Off Street Parking Policies. At the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 9 April 2018 it was agreed to reconvene the Review Group.

For whatever reason a report and recommendations were not produced and presented to the Executive for consideration.

A petition signed by 300 residents of Kingskerswell was presented to Teignbridge District Council by Cllr J Taylor on 25 May 2023 expressing concern that Fees/Charges has been applied to a previously Free Car Park sited at Fore Street, Kingskerswell to the detriment of local businesses and residents and that the implementation of the charges are neither fair or equitable.

The petition is available from Teignbridge District Council and will be included in the report.

It is now the appropriate time to scrutinise and review the current Car Parking Policy to ensure it meets the needs of the residents of and visitors to the District and to produce a report and recommendations.

Consult-tees (not an exhaustive list)

Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council

Executive Members with specific responsibility for the impact of this service

Council Members

Council Officers

Parish and Town Councils

Business Leaders

Community Group Leaders

Local Residents

Draft Review Plan

1. **List of all Car Parks and charges levied (payment and non-payment) owned by Teignbridge District Council.**
2. **Kingskerswell Petition – To be included in Final Report**
3. **Scrutinise customer uptake of available Fore Street Car Park spaces**
4. **Scrutinise all maintenance and installation work carried out on Fore Street Car Park**
5. **Scrutinise financial income from Fore Street Car Park**
6. **Review of existing Council Car Park Strategy and Policy**
7. **List of uptake of car parking spaces in each quarter of the year.**
8. **Desktop exercise to compare neighbouring Local Authorities (Plymouth, Exeter, Mid Beds) off street car parking policies and charges**
9. **Financial impact level of income from Car Parking for the financial years 21/22, 22/23**
10. **Blue Card Holders/Disabled Parking**
11. **Residents Permits, Costs and availability**
12. **Monitoring Progress - Working Group will meet Monthly.**
13. **Fore Street, Kingskerswell Report**
14. **Final Report to O &S (DATE TO BE AGREED)**
15. **Final Report and Recommendations to Executive for consideration**
16. **Alternative uses of Car Parks when under utilised**
17. **Multi storey car park (Business/Employee Permits?)**
18. **Tariffs and Prices, How are they set and agreed?**
19. **Electric Charging Points, upgrade programme of work**
20. **Bi annual review of policy (pre-budget setting)**

Please return completed form to Democratic Services Department