

# Parking Management Strategy

Sustainable Communities Overview and  
Scrutiny Committee

September 2018

# Objective

- Develop and draft a 3 Year Parking Management Strategy (PMS)
- Develop required policies and procedures to support the PMS
- Implement the PMS

# Considerations

- The PMS needs to **respond** to public consultation
- The PMS is a **medium term document** for 3 years
- The PMS needs to be **deliverable**
- The PMS needs to be **resourced**
- The PMS needs to **reduce demand** on existing resources
- The PMS needs to provide clarity:
  - what we **wont** be doing and why
  - what we **will** be doing – why, how and when
  - the **criteria** for making decisions
  - who has **responsibility** for delivering strategy elements
- The PMS will have **dependencies** – we need to know what they are

# Strategic Landscape

Planning and Transport Policy Framework

Planning Design Guide – Technical Review

Draft Local Plan

Local Area Transport Plans

Local Transport Plan 4

# Consultation – Public Concerns

- Schools parking
- Emergency vehicles access
- Residents Parking Zones (RPZs)
- Enforcement of existing restrictions
- Provision of sufficient parking for new developments
- Provision of free or short stay parking
- Use green space in residential areas to provide more parking
- Management of verge parking problems
- Inconsiderate/obstructive parking
- Too many disabled bays in car parks
- Parking charges
- On street charging for parking

# Public Concerns – Assessment Review

Public consultation issues and officer issues were assessed, scored and ranked against a matrix

Matrix considered:

**Red** – Key Factor (15) **Amber** – Medium factor (10) **Green** – Low Factor (5)

	Deliverable in PMS life? – Y/N	Statutory? – Y/N	Dependency – Internal (I)/External (E) or both?	Procedure/Criteria – New or Existing	Affects All areas? – Y/N	Budget Available? – Y/N	People resource available?	Political Interest? – Y/N	Bigger picture link? – Y/N	Impact if don't do? – H/M/L	Score
Manage verge parking problem  YES	Yes Remove TRO Revise process Use TRO in more targeted way Implement it Mark parking cages on road Planting	N	Both	Existing	Y	N	N	Y	Y	H	125

# Assessment Review - Ranking

1. Manage verge parking problem	Public
2. On street charging for parking	Public
3. Provision of sufficient parking for new developments	Public
4. Work Place Parking Levy	Officer
5. Parking Charges	Public
6. Parking Assessments	Officer
7. Schools parking	Public
8. Enforcement of existing restrictions	Public
9. Residents Parking Zones	Public
10. Permit Requests	Officer
11. Use green space in residential areas to provide more parking	Public
12. Obstructive/inconsiderate Parking	Public
13. Provision of free and short stay parking	Public

# Key Considerations

## **Area-based Approach**

Improved forward planning of restrictions across an area introducing them on a phased basis based on need – considering the wider picture as pressures become apparent.

## **Management of verge and footway parking**

The Council has 'tolerated' pavement parking which has meant the issue is now 'chronic' in many streets. Review generic TRO, revise criteria and use on a targeted basis. Review options to maximise available parking.

## **On Street Charging for Parking**

Introduce on street pay and display machines in streets to alleviate pressure in residential areas and encourage car park and public transport use.

## **Work Place Parking Levy**

Assess the potential for a work place parking levy in Central Bedfordshire linked to growth agenda and regeneration.

## **Parking Charges**

Introduce an agreed criteria and review period for parking charges.

## **Parking Assessments**

Develop a longer term approach to regular reviews of area assessments to support council wide needs and avoid duplication of assessments.



# Key Considerations

## **Free Parking Permit Requests**

Significant numbers of requests for permits both internal and external. Confirm the Councils approach.

## **Residents Parking Zones**

Need for policy guidance setting out when RPZs are an appropriate solution, how they will be managed including 'cost neutral' implementation and regular reviews.

## **Amenity Green Space**

Create additional off-street parking through change of use of amenity green space to parking

## **School Parking**

Targeted parking enforcement for schools proactively managing School Transport Plans

## **Management of Parking Restrictions and Enforcement**

Number of restrictions needs to align with enforcement capacity, regular review (including removal) of existing restrictions

## **Management of Inconsiderate/Obstructive Parking**

Clarify the main issues causing the problem and assess whether there are any options for the Council to reduce the incidents occurring.

## **Provision of free and short stay car parking**

Review and analyse car parking data to inform most effective use of Council car parking.

# Strategy Outcomes

- Proactive response to public consultation
- Consistent and transparent Council parking policy and procedure
- Consistent and transparent criteria for approving/refusing service requests – external and internal
- Improved forward planning and prioritisation – area based approach
- Improved internal collaboration between services
- Improved value for money
- Improved management of expectations – internal and external
- Improved communication with customers – internal and external
- Member support
- Reduce demand on services and officers

# The Strategy

## **Overarching Document:**

Introduction

Background

Strategy & Policy Context

Key Issues Section – based on matrix assessment

Monitoring and Review

## **Supporting Documentation - Policies and Procedures:**

Community Services – Highways, Parking Enforcement

Regeneration & Business – Planning, Strategic Transport

# Next Steps

- Finalise overarching strategy document
- Finalise delivery plan for review and/or development of supporting strategies identifying any funding and resource gaps
- Facilitated discussion with Town Councils
- Strategy approval