

Central Bedfordshire Council

Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Parking Management Strategy

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This report relates to a decision that is Key

Purpose of this presentation

1. The purpose of the presentation is to advise the committee on the status of the work to develop a Council Parking Management Strategy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to:

1. **Consider and discuss the information provided in the presentation**
2. **Support the next steps set out in the presentation**

Issues

The presentation sets out the key matters and issues for consideration.

Council Priorities

2. Developing a Parking Management Strategy (PMS) supports the following priorities:

- a. Enhancing Central Bedfordshire – the PMS will set out the Councils approach to managing parking. Parking plays a key part in regeneration, transport and Highways.
- b. A more efficient and responsive Council – the PMS will drive out better value for money and efficiency by setting clear policy and procedure that will facilitate more efficient working and budget management.

Corporate Implications

Legal Implications

3. There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report. As the strategy is developed and firm proposals are made legal implications may arise in due course.

Financial and Risk Implications

4. There are work streams in the PMS that do not have allocated budgets within services and developing the PMS will facilitate the identification of areas where this is the case. At the time of writing it is not possible to set out detailed costs for this funding gap. Lead services for those work streams will need to work with their managers, finance leads and Directors to consider how work can be funded with detailed financial implications being made available before a final report is considered by Executive.
5. There are potentially some work areas that could lead to reductions in cost to the Council. An example being RPZs where current permit costs do not cover the costs of implementing the RPZ. Work on this policy may lead to permit costs being increased to cover the installation costs in the first two years with permit costs then reducing once the costs have been recouped.

Equalities Implications

6. Central Bedfordshire Council has a statutory duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and foster good relations in respect of nine protected characteristics; age disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
7. At this stage of development the equality implications have not been fully explored. Each workstream will need to assess whether an EIA will be required. There are areas of work e.g. RPZs, permits, restrictions (including disabled bays) that will need to be carefully considered from an equalities perspective and the relevant work lead will be tasked to work with the Community Intelligence Manager to assess the impact.

Conclusion and next Steps

8. The presentation sets out some of the key issues that the Council needs to address in the short term. Most of these issues respond to public concern raised during public consultation. Developing a PMS will respond to these issues in a tangible way.
9. The next steps are set out in the presentation.

Appendices

Appendix A: PMS Presentation

Background Papers

None

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