

# Chichester District Council

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## Parking Strategy Review

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### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Cabinet approves the release of £30,000 from reserves to fund consultants to assist with the refresh of the Chichester District Parking Strategy.**

### 3. Background

- 3.1 The Chichester District Parking Strategy 2010-2020 was published in the autumn of 2010 following consideration and approval by the Chichester District Parking Forum, the then Executive Board and the Council. The Strategy recognises the importance of car parking for local infrastructure, tourists, commuters and residents and that when parking is provided well it can contribute to the attractiveness, convenience and prosperity of a place to do business, visit or live. The Strategy attempted to balance the often-competing demands from car park users and pedestrians and ensure that the public car parking service continued to meet the needs of various users until 2020.
- 3.2 At the time of the production of the Strategy a number of assumptions relating to the demand and use of car parking spaces were made, based on the predicted growth in the district along with other societal changes and developments which were predicted. With the approaching expiry of the Strategy, along with the significant developments which will be seen in the District over the coming years it is considered that it is now appropriate to review and refresh the Strategy.

### 4. Outcomes to be Achieved

- 4.1 To provide a Parking Strategy which reflects the issues and demands which will be seen over the coming years in the District. Consideration will be given in particular to the impact on parking of the proposals in the emerging Local Plan Review, the Southern Gateway and the projects from the Visions for the city and the rural towns. The changing use of our high streets, how employment provision and policies affects the use of car parking and the implications of the proposals from the Road Space Audit will also be considered as part of this review, along with new technological advances in cars and parking infrastructure and population change.

- 4.2 A review of the strategy will consider whether the council is making the best use of its assets, in line with an updated vision for parking to ensure it is relevant for the district.

## 5. Proposal

- 5.1 The existing Parking Strategy was informed by Council-commissioned consultants who provided technical support and expertise. It is anticipated that similar technical support and expertise should be provided to assist with the revision of the Strategy. It is anticipated that a new strategy will be produced by March 2019. The draft strategy will be considered at the Chichester District Parking Forum and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC).
- 5.2 The Parking Strategy refresh will feed into the Local Plan Review.
- 5.3 The updated Parking Strategy will set the policy on which the Council will make future decisions and what these should seek to achieve. The Parking Strategy will not set out each and every decision or action that will affect car parks in the district but will be an overall strategic vision and direction for the car parks.

## 6. Alternatives Considered

- 6.1 Not to refresh the Parking Strategy for the District, however this would not assist with providing an up to date parking framework and policy for the District, not give the opportunity to fully review the implications on the District of emerging developments and changes to parking requirements and demand.

## 7. Resource and Legal Implications

- 7.1 It is requested that £30,000 be allocated from general reserves to fund the appointment of consultants to support undertake this work on behalf of the authority.

## 8. Consultation

- 8.1 Consultation will be undertaken with the Chichester District Parking Forum, which is representative of business, community, access and local authority organisations, along with the West Sussex County Council County Local Committee.

## 9. Community impact and corporate risks

- 9.1 An effective parking strategy helps to ensure the free-flow of traffic and to ease potential congestion and is therefore of benefit to the community.

## 10. Other Implications

Are there any implications for the following?		
	Yes	No
<b>Crime and Disorder</b>		X
<b>Climate Change and Biodiversity</b> There are no significant climate change issues that need to be considered, although effective use of car parking spaces should ensure that traffic management is	X	

improved, congestion reduced, with a positive impact on car emissions of vehicles.		
<b>Human Rights and Equality Impact</b>		X
<b>Safeguarding and Early Help</b>		X
<b>General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)</b>		X

## 11. Appendices

11.1 Proposed Project Initiation Document

## 12. Background Papers

12.1 None