

# Chichester District Council

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## WSCC - Chichester City On-Street Parking Management Plan Consultation

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### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Having considered the consultation document relating to the Chichester proposed Parking Management Plan, Cabinet agrees the response to WSCC as set out within Appendix 1 to this report.**

### 3. Background

- 3.1 West Sussex County Council have undertaken a 'Road Space Audit' for Chichester which examined current parking demand on-street and considered future demands and pressures on the road network and parking supply. One of the concepts which was explored within the resultant report, and which WSCC are investigating further, is to extend the existing Controlled Parking Zone within Chichester to cover the entire city.
- 3.2 WSCC consider that a parking management plan to cover the whole of Chichester City and extending to parts of Donnington, Fishbourne and Westhampnett could help to deal with issues of un-managed on-street parking which they consider limits the ability of residents and others to park.
- 3.3 The Parking Services Team at Chichester District Council is currently responsible for enforcement, permit administration, receipt of Penalty Charge Notices and maintenance of Pay and Display machines on street on behalf of WSCC. This is covered through an Agency Agreement and West Sussex County Council have indicated that any extension to the zone could be by agreement included within the responsibilities assigned to CDC.
- 3.4 West Sussex County Council undertook a consultation process on the Parking Management Plan during March. It is anticipated that the results from the

consultation will be considered and reported to County Local Committee during the spring.

#### **4. Outcomes to be Achieved**

- 4.1 WSCC consider that a Parking Management Plan for Chichester city could improve traffic flow by preventing dangerous, obstructive or inconsiderate parking, improve safety for all road users, reduce congestion from traffic circulating in an area looking for free parking and improve access for emergency vehicles and buses. It is also considered that parking would be shared out amongst different users and for different purposes and could deal with parking problems in one go rather than require WSCC to consider parking issues every few years.

#### **5. Proposal**

- 5.1 The WSCC proposed Chichester Parking Management Plan would cover the entire city (as shown in the map at appendix 2), although it would be broken down into a number of distinct zones. Large signs would be located at all zone entry points, informing motorists of the days / hours during which parking is controlled within the zone they are entering. During the days / hours of control most parking would be permitted only in designated parking bays (marked with white lines). Signs would be positioned next to all parking bays showing the days / hours of parking control and the type of parking permitted, e.g. Permit Holders Only.
- 5.2 In some roads such as cul-de-sacs, signs would be located at the entrance that state 'Permit Holders Only Beyond This Point'. Exactly the same rules would apply as the rest of the Parking Management Plan but there would be no need for parking bays to be marked on the road. Repeater signs might be required in these areas.
- 5.3 Permit holders would be able to park a vehicle in any parking bay or road where parking is allowed, within the specified sub zone. Normally this would be within their own road or close to their home. WSCC state that wherever possible parking bays would be located outside or near residential properties although parking in a particular space could not be guaranteed. In 'Beyond This Point' roads, permit holders would not need to park in designated bays as these would not be marked.
- 5.4 The WSCC proposals include the introduction of additional double yellow and single yellow lines in areas along with some 'limited waiting' or 'pay and display' bays in some areas for motorists without a permit.
- 5.5 The WSCC proposed extension of the existing controlled parking zone is the first of a set of proposed interventions suggested for implementation following the Roadspace Audit and further interventions are likely to follow, however WSCC have not confirmed this.

## **6. Alternatives Considered**

- 6.1 Not to engage with the process of the WSCC Parking Management Plan.

## **7. Resource and Legal Implications**

- 7.1 The work to develop the WSCC Parking Management Plan has been funded by WSCC. Staffing implications for CDC in respect of the emerging proposals have not been considered at this stage. However, should the extension be introduced additional staff resource will be required to enforce and administer the expanded scheme. Additional costs of enforcement and administration would be covered by WSCC. Once there is further clarity regarding the extent to which the Controlled Parking Zone is likely to be extended there will be an exercise undertaken to calculate the total cost of this, along with any implications for accommodation, supervision and management and support costs.
- 7.2 The impact of the introduction of the scheme by WSCC will be significant for CDC's staff resource and it is therefore recommended to WSCC that a phased approach is undertaken if WSCC choose to go ahead and implement the plan.
- 7.3 Should commuter parking permits be sold to be used on-street this may impact on the income which is currently generated by CDC in terms of season tickets sold for the council's car parks. Conversely some current on-street parking which is free of charge may be deflected to pay and display parking in the council's car parks.

## **8. Consultation**

- 8.1 WSCC have undertaken stakeholder events as part of the process of refining the proposed scheme. The Chichester District Parking Forum has also been kept informed and discussions have been held with some Chichester District ward members. A District Council Car Parking Forum was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March and a verbal update will be provided to Cabinet regarding their comments.
- 8.2 In formulating the proposed response to WSCC at this stage an initial discussion has been held with the Divisional Manager – Development Management and the Environmental Protection Manager. Their comments have been included in the proposed response.

## **9. Community Impact and Corporate Risks**

- 9.1 Any reduction in surplus parking income linked to the use of the council's car parks may have an effect on the council's ability to support key service areas.

## 10. Other Implications

	Yes	No
<b>Crime and Disorder</b>		X
<b>Climate Change and Biodiversity</b> Improved use of road networks and car parks reduces travel emissions associated therewith	X	
<b>Human Rights and Equality Impact</b> Reducing or amending parking supply may impact on persons with specific mobility needs. Careful design of the scheme is encouraged to ensure that such persons are not disadvantaged.	X	
<b>Safeguarding and Early Help</b>		X
<b>General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)</b>		X
<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>		X
<b>Other</b> (please specify)		

## 11. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Proposed Feedback to WSCC regarding the Parking Management Plan

Appendix 2 – Map of proposed extension to Controlled Parking Zone

## 12. Background Papers

None.