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Parking Strategy

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2. Recommendations

2.1. Cabinet approves the Chichester District Parking Strategy 2023 - 2027 and Action Plan as set out in Appendix 1.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Chichester District Parking Strategy (2010-2020) 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 balances the often-competing demands from car park users and pedestrians and ensures that the public car parking services continued to meet the needs of various users. The strategy was due to be refreshed in 2020 however this timeframe was impacted by the Covid pandemic and was delayed to allow some recovery of use to form the baseline data required.
- 3.2 Stantec Consultancy was appointed to consider and evaluate the baseline, and future capacity and demand of the car parks based on predicted growth in the district along with other societal changes. This work has been completed and forms the basis for the assumptions and proposals in the refreshed Chichester District Car Parking. It is recognised that parking demands have changed significantly as a result of the covid pandemic. It is therefore proposed that an annual review of parking demand will be built into the action plan to ensure the service is responding to the current service requirements and corporate strategies.
- 3.3 The Chichester District Parking Strategy is attached in Appendix one. The Strategy sets out the Council's plans and ambitions for the Council's car parks for the next four years.

4. Outcomes to be Achieved

- 4.1 To provide a District Parking Strategy which reflects the issues and demands on parking provision over the next four years. Consideration has been given

to the requirements for parking as part of the Local Plan, and the projects from the Visions for the city and the rural towns. The changing use of our high streets, the impact on change of use following the covid pandemic along with how employment provision and policies affect the use of car parking have also been considered as part of this review. In addition, the strategy also considers new technological advances in cars and parking infrastructure and population change.

- 4.2 An effective Parking Strategy assists with ensuring that the council is making the best use of its assets, supporting the community and local business, and is keeping up with changes in technology and customer needs.

5. Proposal

- 5.1. It is proposed that the Parking Strategy as set out in Appendix 1 is approved. The Council will progress with delivery of the actions as set out in the action plan over the next four years.

6. Alternatives Considered

- 6.1 Do nothing –this would not assist with providing an up-to-date parking framework and policy for the district, or 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. Implementation of the strategy and action plan will utilise existing resources in the parking team. A number of the actions will be delivered using existing budgets, however, should there be a requirement for further budget this will be requested for consideration in the usual way.

8. Consultation

- 8.1. The proposed Strategy and Action plan has been considered by the Economic Development Panel and Chichester District Parking Forum, which is representative of business, community, access and local authority organisations, along with West Sussex County Council as the local highways authority. A summary of the work undertaken relating to the Parking Strategy was reported in the July Members' Bulletin, to provide an opportunity for all members to comment and feedback on, as part of the development of the draft strategy and action plan. These comments are indicated in the square brackets within in the action plan.

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

	Yes	No
Crime and Disorder		X
Climate Change and Biodiversity Effective use of car parks assists with ensuring that traffic management is improved, congestion reduced, with a positive impact on the level of vehicle emissions.	X	
Human Rights and Equality Impact The provision of designated Blue Badge bays in car parks impacts positively on equality.	X	
Safeguarding and Early Help		X
General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)		X
Health and Wellbeing		X
Other		

11. Appendices

11.1 Parking Strategy and Action Plan

12. Background Papers

None