

# CABINET

## Parking Strategy 5 November 2013

### Report of Chief Officer (Environment)

PURPOSE OF REPORT				
The purpose of the report is to consider an updated draft Parking Strategy and Action Plan				
Key Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	Referral from Cabinet Member
Date of notice of forthcoming key decision			7 October 2013	
This report is public				

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF COUNCILLOR HAMILTON-COX

- (1) That Cabinet approves the publication of the draft Parking Strategy and Action Plan for consultation with stakeholders and interest groups.
- (2) That Cabinet considers any substantive changes arising from the formal consultation at a future meeting.

#### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Cabinet approved the first Parking Strategy for the district in 2008.
- 1.2 There are a number of potential developments in the district that will significantly impact on parking. Furthermore, nationally the need to have a strategic approach to parking provision has been highlighted. It is now appropriate to fully update the strategy in light of these developments.

#### 2.0 Proposal Details

- 2.1 The Parking Strategy provides a strategic approach to parking management and provides the Council with guidance on how parking should be managed to improve the service provided to customers while meeting the needs of sustainability and amenity.

The district is approaching a period of great challenges and changes and the strategy recognises these opportunities and provides guidance on how the Council's important parking assets should be managed. This is a key part of

supporting the wider aims and objectives and the need for guidance along with flexibility to support these changing times is very important.

- 2.2 The strategy's policy context is structured around the following policies and documents:

National Planning Policy Framework  
Lancaster Local Development Framework  
Lancaster City Council Corporate Plan and Priorities 2013-14  
Lancashire County Council Local Transport Plan 2011-2021  
Medium Term Corporate Property Strategy 2011-14  
Lancaster Canal Corridor North Development Brief  
Morecambe Area Action Plan

- 2.3 The Parking action plan sets out aims, objectives and actions to be achieved over timescales of short-term (up to 2 years), medium term (2-5 years) and long-term (5-10 years). The Parking action plan also confirms the aims, objectives and actions can only be fully achieved if the City and County Councils work together to achieve success. (The County Council have been involved in the development of the draft strategy).

### 3.0 Details of Consultation

- 3.1 Internal consultation has been undertaken to gather information and this has been included in the updated strategy and will be subject to further discussions. Formal consultation will be undertaken with stakeholders and interest groups following Cabinet's approval of the Draft Strategy.

Besides inviting comments from all via the Council website, the following list of consultees is suggested:-

City Councillors (including Overview and Scrutiny Committee)  
Lancashire County Council  
Lancashire Constabulary  
Chambers of Commerce and of Trade  
One Voice-disability services  
Federation of Small Businesses  
Morecambe Town Council  
Carnforth Town Council  
Duchy of Lancaster  
Taxi proprietors  
Port of Heysham

### 4.0 Options and Options Analysis (including risk assessment)

	<b>Option 1:</b> To approve the draft Parking Strategy for consultation. (Allowing for any amendments Cabinet may wish to make)	<b>Option 2:</b> To not approve the draft Parking Strategy
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<p><b>Advantages</b></p>	<p>This will allow the Council to carry out formal consultation on the updated draft parking strategy.</p> <p>Any substantive changes to the strategy can be reported back to Cabinet before the strategy is formally approved</p> <p>This allows the Council to develop its strategic approach to managing parking to face future challenges and changes</p>	
<p><b>Disadvantages</b></p>		<p>This would not allow the Council to review its strategic approach to managing parking to face the challenges and changes</p>
<p><b>Risks</b></p>	<p>Resources are required from both City and County Councils to achieve the aims and objectives of the strategy</p>	<p>The Council would not have any updated strategy to guide its future strategic approach to managing parking</p> <p>The Council would not have a documented strategy to face the future challenges and changes on parking</p>

**5.0 Officer Preferred Option (and comments)**

5.1 The officer preferred option is to approve the draft Parking Strategy and to carry out formal consultation. The preferred option allows the Council to develop its strategic approach to parking management to support its wider aims and objectives and to be prepared for the challenges and changes it is likely to face in the coming years.

**RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK**

Existing Parking Strategy.

The strategy support the Priorities included in the Corporate Plan of Economic Growth, Health and Wellbeing, Green, clean and safe places and Community leadership.

**CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

(including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, HR, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

None specifically arising from the report

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Legal have been consulted and have no comments to make

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

The approved revenue budget for 2013/14 includes £2.347M income generated from parking fees and charges, and the Capital Programme makes provision for various improvements. The Strategy and Action Plan recommends a range of aims and objectives that will potentially affect parking policies and management. These may affect the overall number of charged spaces, charging policies and the off-street parking income currently generated which could potentially impact on the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy and Corporate Fees and Charges Policy. Any financial implications attached to the adoption of the Strategy will be reported to Cabinet for consideration as appropriate.

**OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS****Human Resources:**

None specifically at this stage.

**Information Services:**

None specifically at this stage.

**Property:**

None specifically at this stage.

**Open Spaces:**

None

**SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The s151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

**MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Parking Strategy

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