

Title of Report	FUTURE PROVISION OF PARKING SERVICES	
Presented by	Paul Sanders Head of Community Services	
Background Papers	Car Parking Strategy 2016	Public Report: Yes
	Car Parking Strategy and Cabinet Report 2016	Key Decision: No
Financial Implications	A revised budget will be required aligned to the action plan	
	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	Changes to the Off – Street Parking Places Orders may be required	
	Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	This review identifies staffing implications within the three year action plan	
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Purpose of Report	To update Community Scrutiny Committee on the progress of the parking services review and present the key findings prior to Cabinet considering the review at its meeting on 12 January 2021.	
Reason agenda item submitted to Scrutiny Committee	This draft report is being presented to Community Scrutiny Committee to seek their comments in advance of Cabinet considering its approval.	
Recommendations	THAT THE COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE NOTES THE UPDATE ON THE PARKING SERVICE REVIEW AND PROVIDES ANY COMMENTS THAT CAN THEN BE CONSIDERED BY CABINET	

1.0 CONTEXT

- 1.1 The council's parking service is important for a wide range of stakeholders including residents, businesses, shoppers, tourists, community groups and parish/town councils. On street parking is managed by the Highway Authority (Leicestershire County Council) and off street parking by a range of land owners of which the district council is one.

- 1.2 The district council operates and maintains a range of off street car parks in the district. Each car park provides a service for its locality whether it be to support shoppers and local businesses or for residential purposes.
- 1.3 The district council operates pay and display car parks in Coalville and Ashby but also manages car parks in the villages of Ibstock, Whitwick, Castle Donington, Measham and Thringstone which are not chargeable.
- 1.4 There are a wide range of costs associated with operating and maintaining car parks as follows;
- Repairs, resurfacing, line marking
 - Grounds maintenance, sweeping, litter picking, winter gritting
 - Cash collections, purchase of tickets, computer software, licences
 - Electricity, sewerage, business rates
 - Enforcement activities including Car Park orders and signage
 - Staff recharges, corporate overheads

In 2016 Cabinet adopted the Car Parking Strategy which set out a number of actions in relation to the management of the car parks in the district. In particular Cabinet agreed:

- No parking price rises until 2020
- New Short Stay Car Park for Ashby
- Introduce Free After 3pm in Coalville

Cabinet also agreed that a review of prices and all current and proposed parking initiatives including Free After 3pm would take place in 2019. The Parking Strategy suggested that Coalville and Ashby should be treated differently with regard to pricing strategies and differential pricing for each town will be considered as part of that review.

2.0 FUTURE PROVISION OF PARKING SERVICES

- 2.1 An officer working group and board has been established to undertake the review
- 2.2 The review has taken a comprehensive approach to reviewing all aspects of the service covering a number of key areas of operation:
- Enforcement and staffing costs
 - Operating and maintenance costs
 - Potential for asset transfer of the non-pay and display car parks within Parishes
 - Review of existing third-party contracts
 - Parking charges
 - Short stay and long stay car parks
 - Looking at the hours the parking charges apply
 - Events and activities within our car parks
 - Regeneration implications for car parks in Coalville

As part of the review process key stakeholders and town and parish councils which have council operated car parks within their boundaries have been engaged, particularly with regard to their interest in asset transfer of non – pay and display car parks.

3.0 TIMESCALES

- 3.1 A report with recommendations and an action plan will be considered by Cabinet in January. The action plan will contain dates for the implementation of agreed actions.
- 3.2 Running in parallel to this parking review is a service review within the Facilities Team within Environmental Protection to ensure that there is a fit for purpose structure in place to carry forward the recommendations and actions from the review.

4.0 PRESENTATION

- 4.1 The draft strategy can be found at **Annex A** and members will receive a summary presentation of the strategy at the meeting

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	Developing a clean and green district and Our communities are safe, healthy and connected
Policy Considerations:	None
Safeguarding:	No concerns
Equalities/Diversity:	None
Customer Impact:	There will be an impact on customers – see the action plan in Annex A for details.
Economic and Social Impact:	The economic and social impacts are detailed in the report at Annex A
Environment and Climate Change:	Any environmental and climate change impact as a result of the decision is detailed in the report at Annex A.
Consultation/Community Engagement:	Engagement with key stakeholders and Parish and Town Councils is detailed in the report at Annex A
Risks:	Risks have been managed through the project board
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