

Full Council

Tuesday, 30 March 2021

Matter for Information and Decision

Report Title: Proposed Car Park Strategy (2021-2026)

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| Purpose of Report: | To agree a Car Park Strategy for the Borough for 2021 to 2026. |
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| Report Summary: | This report sets out a Car Park Strategy for 2021 to 2026 for the operation and management of council owned car parks within the Borough that will deliver a self-financing car park service. The Strategy sets out how any surplus would be used to improve the parking experience. |
| Recommendation(s): | That the draft Car Park Strategy (2021-2026) (as set out at Appendix 1 to this report) be approved to go out for public consultation from 1 April 2021. |
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| Corporate Objectives: | Building, Protecting and Empowering Communities (CO1) Growing the Borough Economically (CO2) Providing Excellent Services (CO3) |
| Vision and Values: | "A Stronger Borough Together" (Vision) Accountability (V1) Customer Focus (V5) |
| Report Implications:- | |
| Legal: | There are no implications directly arising from this report. |
| Financial: | There are no implications directly arising from this report. |
| Corporate Risk Management: | Decreasing Financial Resources / Increasing Financial Pressures (CR1) Effective Utilisation of Assets / Buildings (CR5) Economy / Regeneration (CR9) |
| Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA): | The implications are as set out in Appendix 1 to this report. EA not applicable. |
| Human Rights: | There are no implications arising from this report. |
| Health and Safety: | There are no implications arising from this report. |

| Statutory Officers' Comments:- | |
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| Head of Paid Service: | The report is satisfactory. |
| Chief Finance Officer: | The report is satisfactory. |
| Monitoring Officer: | The report is satisfactory. |
| Consultees: | None. |
| Background Papers: | None. |
| Appendices: | 1. Proposed Car Park Strategy (2021-2026) |

1. Information

- 1.1 At Full Council on 18 February 2021, it was agreed that a Car Park Strategy ("the Strategy" be drawn up and brought to Council for Members' consideration and approval.
- 1.2 The provision of car parking is not a statutory requirement but it is accepted that this is a function which the Borough Council should be involved in; as such, the strategy h supports the principals of charging as a way of reducing the financial burden on the taxpayer and shifts the cost of parking provision towards service users.
- 1.3 The Strategy advocates improvements to car park facilities and balance the cost of providing these improvements whilst also delivering value for money.
- 1.4 The Strategy can be found at **Appendix 1** of this report.
- 1.5 Members are asked to adopt the Strategy so that it can be circulated for public consultation which will begin as soon as possible and run until mid-May 2021. The consultation and Strategy will be made available via the Council's web site, publicised on social media and sent out to businesses, residents and religious premises that border the car parks. Posters will also be displayed in all car parks advising of the consultation.
- 1.6 The Strategy will be kept under review on a regular basis and progress on achievements.