

**Executive Board
30th July 2018**

Carmarthenshire Parking Strategy

Purpose: To consider the updated Carmarthenshire Parking Strategy.

To consider and approve the updated Parking Strategy.

Reasons:

The Parking Strategy has been reviewed and developed as an action arising from a recommendation made by Scrutiny Committee to Executive Board, following a Task and Finish Group review of parking. Executive Board supported the recommendation.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted YES

Environmental and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee – 20th April 2018

Scrutiny Committee recommendations / comments:

Scrutiny Committee endorsed the strategy.

Exec Board Decision Required YES

Council Decision Required NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr Hazel Evans (Environment)

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1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

In July 2016 Executive Board considered an Environmental and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group Report on Car Parking Charges. One of the recommendations contained the report was to review and update the existing Parking Strategy. This has been completed and is attached as a detailed report for consideration and comment.

Carmarthenshire is a predominantly rural area and the private motorcar remains the primary means of transport for the many of trips. However, as the towns of Carmarthenshire continue to grow and develop the opportunity to locate land for parking provision within town centres becomes increasingly difficult. It is therefore essential the existing parking stock is managed effectively to maximise use. A car parking strategy can be one of the most useful tools available to local authorities in helping achieve economic, social and environmental objectives.

This Parking Strategy aims to ensure that future changes to parking provision are both forward thinking and support the economic attractiveness and vitality of the diverse areas within Carmarthenshire.

The New Strategy considers matters such as: Parking Policy, Demand and Capacity Performance Data, Comparable Technology, Economic case for charging.
Car Park Management

The strategy sets out a number of priorities for parking:

- Prioritise short stay parking in town centres.
- Car park safety.
- Use of technology
- Information
- Inter modal integration
- Parking Standards
- Free parking days
- Provision of spaces for mobility impaired in car parks
- Coach Parking
- Cycle and motorcycle facilities

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: S. G. Pilliner Head of Transportation and Highways

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Priority 9 of the report reinforces the Councils commitment to providing appropriate parking facilities for mobility impaired in car parks.

2. Legal

Provision and enforcement of car parking are subject to statutory order making processes to implement Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's) as set out in the Road Traffic Regulation Act (1984) and the Traffic Management Act (2004).

The Powers to introduce moving traffic offences are subject to the legal requirements set out within the Traffic Management Act (2004).

3. Finance

Financial implications relating to the prioritisation of short and long stay parking are already included in the approved future budget commitments.

Any additional investment in infrastructure will be subject to Capital Bids.

The Environment Department is currently carrying a budget pressure as car parking charges have not been increased since 2014.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: S. G. Pilliner Head of Transportation and Highways

1. Local Member(s) N/A

2. Community / Town Council N/A

3. Relevant Partners N/A

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Integrated Parking Strategy		http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/4674/integratedcarparkingstrategy.pdf
Executive Board Report ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TASK & FINISH GROUP FINAL REPORT		http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=131&MId=556&Ver=4