

Agenda Item 9.

TITLE	Parking Working Group Update
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee – 14 June 2017
WARD	Borough Wide
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OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

Borough wide review of the councils parking strategy will ensure the councils approach to parking is aligned with its strategic vision and priorities, while ensuring advancements in parking technologies and innovation can be considered and promoted when appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

Members note and provide comment on the progress and process underway as proposed within the report.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The report provides a summary update on the production of a new borough wide parking strategy and indicative timescales for its development and ultimate adoption.

Background

The borough has a Parking Plan adopted by the Executive in 2011. The 2011 plan provides the current basis upon which parking decisions and the execution of plans are determined. Early in 2017 a “root and branch” review of the boroughs parking policies and strategies was requested by members. Subsequently a member and officer Parking Strategy Working Group chaired by Cllr Oliver Whittle has been established since February 2017, and a fortnightly meeting cycle established (subject to availability). The proposed programme for this group consists of regular group sessions over 2017 at which members will be encouraged to discuss and define policy, supported by officers, with respect to parking in the borough.

Initial Programme of meeting subjects (subject to revision)

1. Scoping Meeting
2. The Purpose of Parking
3. Worker & Rail Commuter Parking
4. Supporting Regeneration & Thriving Business Workshop
5. Taxis, Loading & Blue Badge
6. Park & Ride
7. Verge & Pavement Parking
8. Revenue Protection

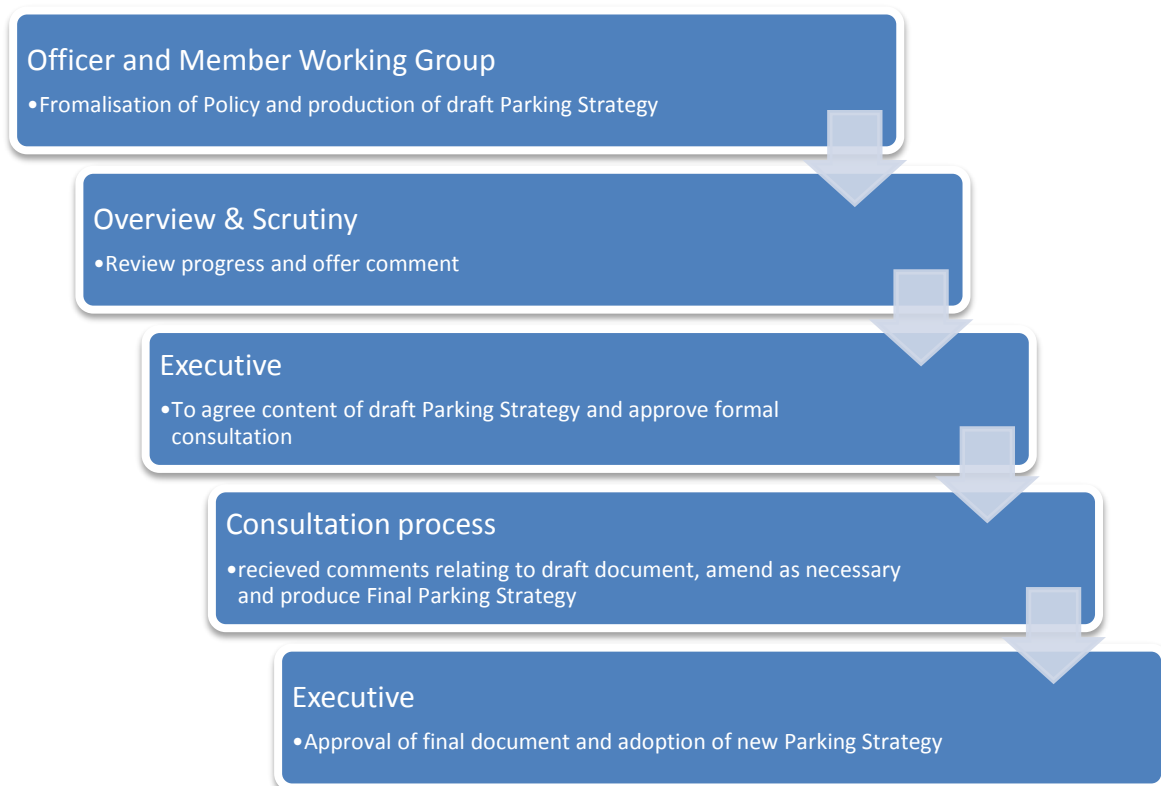
9. School Gate Parking
10. Bicycle, Motorcycle, Car Club and Electric Vehicle Parking
11. Parking at Leisure Facilities and other public services (hospitals)
12. Disruptive Markets and Technologies.

Working Group Responsibilities and key Milestones

The overarching role of the group is to consider all parking issues, both on street and off street across the borough and to provide a steer to officers to enable the setting of updated policies relating to parking and the production of an updated Parking Strategy for the borough.

- ⇒ To review and agree the ongoing development of the Parking Strategy
- ⇒ To prepare a update report for Overview and Scrutiny (June 2017)
- ⇒ Parking Strategy to be completed in Draft by end of December 2017
- ⇒ To oversee consultation of Parking Strategy, including pre-consultation with the group
- ⇒ To provide a reference point for officers when considering responses to consultation and finalising the Parking Strategy
- ⇒ Early 2018 to secure Executive Approval for formal consultation of the proposed Parking Strategy
- ⇒ Following revisions to the Draft Parking Strategy from formal consultation, progress formal adoption of Parking Strategy policy via Executive in 2018

Governance and reporting during evolution of Parking Strategy



FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	0	0	0
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	0	0	0
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	0	0	0

Other Financial Information Relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

There are no cost implications at this time. Should the strategy develop where it leads to a cost or savings to the council this will be reported in the Executive report.

Cross-Council Implications (how does this decision impact on other council services, including properties and priorities?)

Parking has cross cutting themes, however until the strategy is developed it is premature to state the impact of the new parking strategy

List of Background Papers

2011 Parking Plan available on Council website:
<http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/parking-road-works-and-transport/transport-and-roads-guidance-and-plans/?assetdet91f252ff-550d-4cfa-a838-92ef2cb5f83c=391503&categoryesct91f252ff-550d-4cfa-a838-92ef2cb5f83c=9259>

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