

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

30 November 2015

Report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services

Part 1 – Public

**Matters For Decision Recommendation to Borough Cabinet – Non-Key Decision
(Decision may be taken by the Cabinet Member)**

1 PARKING ACTION PLAN – PHASE 8

Summary

This report updates Members on the phased approach we take to on-street parking management with particular focus on the progress in relation to the Phase 8 of the Parking Action Plan and the recently conducted informal consultation.

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 The Borough Council's approach to on-street parking management has been divided into phases so economies of scale can be applied and work is delivered in a timely manner.
- 1.1.2 The current phase of the Parking Action Plan is Phase 8 and the initial requests for restrictions were discussed in the Parking Action Plan report to the last meeting of this Board.
- 1.1.3 The Board agreed that the proposals should proceed to informal consultation to allow the Council to gain the views of residents and businesses on the potential changes.

1.2 Phase 8 - Informal consultation

- 1.2.1 Following the Board's decision, informal consultation has been undertaken on the potential changes to the parking restrictions with the residents and businesses of the areas affected.
- 1.2.2 The consultation started on 12th October 2015 and ran until 2nd November, though a few additional days were allowed for late responses.
- 1.2.3 A list of locations along with a recommendation on how to proceed for each of those locations is attached as Annex 1.

1.2.4 A summary of the responses we have received for each location is shown in Annex 2.

1.2.5 Some proposals have been amended as a result of feedback during the informal consultation and these are shown in Annex 3.

1.2.6 The full text of all of the responses we have received will be available for members to view in the meeting.

1.3 Next Steps - Formal consultation and implementation

1.3.1 Subject to Member comment at the meeting the proposals will be formally advertised, with any objections being brought back to this Board for consideration at its next meeting in March 2016.

1.3.2 Any proposals that the Board decide to implement would then be introduced during Summer 2016.

1.4 Legal Implications

1.4.1 The on-street parking service is undertaken by the Borough Council on behalf of Kent County Council under the terms of a formal legal agreement.

1.5 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.5.1 Funding to implement works associated with the parking action plan is provided within existing approved Borough Council Budgets.

1.6 Risk Assessment

1.6.1 The assessment and consultation process applied to parking management should provide the assurance that the Borough Council has the will and ability to adapt the Parking Plans, in the light of comment and circumstances and to ensure that it achieves a best balance of local parking needs. A regular review of the schemes is crucial to ensure that we can correctly and effectively manage on-street parking in these areas as the proposals are either introduced for safety reasons or to provide a more appropriate balance of parking needs.

1.6.2 A major risk is that scheme proposals encounter significant lack of local support. This risk is mitigated by the considerable effort devoted to ensuring there is widespread consultation on proposals through two stages of informal consultation before any formal stage of consultation is reached. There is also care given to ensuring that schemes are adjusted and adapted in the light of comments and observations received from the local community, without compromising safety or the Council's commitment to deal appropriately with identified safety concerns.

1.7 Equality Impact Assessment

1.7.1 The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

1.8 Recommendations

1.8.1 It is **RECOMMENDED** to Cabinet that the Recommendations outlined in Annex 1 to the report be agreed.

The Director of Street Scene, Leisure & Technical Services confirms that the proposals contained in the recommendation(s), if approved, will fall within the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

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Background papers:

Annex 1 – List of locations and recommendations

Annex 2 – Location summary sheets

Annex 3 – Amended plans

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