

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**14 March 2016**

**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 Phase 8 of the Parking Action Plan and makes recommendations on changes to on-street parking arising from the formal consultation process.**

**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. At its September 2015 meeting, this Board decided that proposals for Phase 8 of the Parking Action Plan should be taken through a process of informal consultation to allow the Council to gain the views of residents and businesses on the potential changes.
- 1.1.3 This was progressed and reported back to the November meeting of this Board. The Board considered the recommendations and decided to take the proposals forward to formal consultation.

**1.2 Phase 8 - Formal consultation**

- 1.2.1 Following the Board's decision, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016 and ran until 21<sup>st</sup> February, with a couple of additional days 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 at Annex 1.

1.2.4 A summary of the responses received for each location is shown in Annex 2. The consultation plans are shown at Annex 3.

1.2.5 The full text of all of the responses received is available for Members to view at the meeting and scanned (redacted) versions of the responses will be available online with the minutes.

### **1.3 Implementation**

1.3.1 Any proposals this Board decide to implement will 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;

- i. the recommendations outlined in Annex 1 to the report be agreed, and
- ii. the changes are made to the draft Amendment 8 of the Borough Council's on-street Traffic Regulation Order, and the Order is sealed.

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