

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

12 March 2018

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

Part 1- Public

Matters For Decision

1 PARKING ACTION PLAN – PHASE 9

Summary

This report updates Members on the outcome of the formal consultation on parking proposals as part of Phase 9 of the Council's Parking Action Plan.

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 The Borough Council's approach to on-street parking management has been divided into approved phases so economies of scale can be achieved and work is delivered in a timely manner.

1.1.2 The current phase of the Parking Action Plan is Phase 9. The locations for potential parking changes in this phase, all of which have been subject to informal consultation were reported to the November 2017 meeting of this Board.

1.2 Phase 9 – Formal Consultation

1.2.1 Following the Board's approval, formal consultation on the potential changes to the parking restrictions has been undertaken with both residents and businesses in the areas affected.

1.2.2 The formal consultation started on 26th January 2018 and ran until 19th 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, is attached at Annex 1, with a summary of responses received at Annex 2 and location plans at Annex 3.

1.2.4 Annex 4 contains a full copy of all the redacted consultation responses that have been received.

1.3 Next Steps – Implementation

1.3.1 Proposals that the Board decide to implement will be introduced during Summer 2018.

1.4 Legal Implications

- 1.4.1 The proposals echo primary legislation and the advice set out in the Highway Code, and have followed and exceeded the requirements of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England & Wales) Regulations 1996

1.5 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.5.1 Funding to implement the works associated with the Parking Action Plan is provided within the Council's Capital Plan

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 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 Policy Considerations

- 1.8.1 Asset Management
- 1.8.2 Communications
- 1.8.3 Community
- 1.8.4 Customer Contact

1.9 Recommendations

- 1.9.1 It is proposed that the RECOMMENDATIONS set out in Annex 1 to the report be agreed, the Traffic Regulation Order be amended, and the changes are implemented.

Background papers:

Nil

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