

Scrutiny Topic Proposal – Review of Residents Parking Scheme

Summary

1. This paper provides feedback from appropriate officers in regard to the proposal made by Cllr D'Agorne to review CYC's Residents' Priority Parking Scheme – see copy of topic registration form at Annex A. Members are asked to consider the work currently ongoing and its impact on this topic, and agree how best to progress this policy development review proposal.

Background

2. The residents' priority parking scheme (ResPark) restricts parking within designated areas of York, known as 'ResPark zones', to those people who are eligible to apply for a permit. The scheme gives priority to park within a particular zone to residents and property owners.
3. Permits are available for residents within the ResPark zones and their visitors:
 - Household permits (and additional permits)
 - Visitor parking permits
 - Special control parking permits
 - House in multiple occupancy parking permits
 - Disabled parking permits
4. Permits are also available for people who may own properties within a zone, or have a commercial requirement for parking there:
 - Guest house parking permits
 - Property parking permits
 - Landlord and management agents permits
 - Business parking permits
 - Commercial parking permits
 - Community parking permits

5. Vehicles without a permit are only able to park or wait in a zone for the advised permitted waiting time (usually 10 minutes). The ResPark scheme does not guarantee a space, but gives priority over other vehicles who do not qualify to park within a ResPark zone. Most ResPark permits are only valid within one designated zone (usually the zone containing the applicant's home address or business), and a separate permit is required for each vehicle, with the exception of motorcycles and bicycles.

Consultation

6. In response to Cllr D'Agorne's submission, officers from Parking Services, Transport Planning, Traffic Network Management, & Finance met with the Assistant Director for Transport, Highways & Environment and the Scrutiny Officer to discuss the proposal, and provided the following feedback:

'It is appreciated that Cllr D'Agorne wishes the focus of his scrutiny topic to look at reducing the price of the residents' permits through efficiencies. However there are a number of other permits that are used in the residents parking zones, so just focusing on one permit type in line with the topic proposal would not be the best use of officer and Policy Development Committee's time. Instead, an holistic review of the whole scheme would provide greater benefit to residents and businesses using the parking zones.

However the timing of such a review needs to take account of ongoing work. A city centre security review is currently underway and following an initial review by a security consultant we are looking into the implementation of measures to restrict access during the footstreet hours as required by the police and agreed at full Executive on the 8th February, 2018 for security reasons.

How this is mitigated against to maintain business as usual as practically as possible is open for consultation, beginning with all interested stakeholders in the next two months. This work is a priority for officers and it is expected that these arrangements will likely have an impact on vehicular disabled access into the city centre. In order to maintain business as usual as well as access, a review of how best to mitigate those impacts needs to be prioritised. Given the resource that would be required to take that review forward, it is requested that the Economy & Place Policy

Development Committee consider carrying out a review of city centre disabled access first.

Clearly, parking is a broad and very high profile subject and all aspects of parking ranging from permits, the physical space to park, enforcement, maintenance and so on, are intrinsically linked. Officers are in the process of increasing the resource for implementing parking schemes across housing estates as well as on street, the impact of this will need to be understood. We therefore agree that it would be timely to follow a review of city centre disabled access with an holistic review of residents' parking'.

Analysis

7. Carrying out an initial review of disabled parking and access in and around the city centre would assist officers in identifying the appropriate mitigation measures that will be required as a result of the work to improve city centre security. It will also support ongoing work on the Castle Gateway project.
8. This first review would need to be commenced immediately if it is to be concluded in time to feed into the proposals for changes to city centre access and the way disabled parking facilities operate in the future.
9. The holistic review of residents parking could commence thereafter, and would need to include a review of the permit types available, the size and appropriateness of zones, and the current process of implementing a scheme. The review should also include examination of alternative models in place elsewhere.

Council Plan

10. Significant consultation and engagement will be required as part of both reviews suggested by officers in response to Cllr D'Agorne's scrutiny topic proposal. This will ensure residents and visitors views are known and taken account of when the Council considers the future of both disabled parking and residents' parking schemes across the city. This supports the Council's key priority to listen to residents, as listed in the Council Plan 2015-19.

Implications

11. **Financial & HR** - the level of resource required would be better served to focus on the whole scheme, which given the level of research into alternative models etc and consultation required, would likely need 1 FTE including resource from the Network Management, Parking and Finance departments.
12. **Equalities** – An equalities impact assessment will be undertaken if there are any changes to disabled parking in the city centre required, as a result of the city centre security review.
13. There are no other known, Legal, Crime & Disorder, ICT, Property or other implications associated with the recommendation in this report.

Risk Management

14. The changes proposed to the city centre in terms of vehicular access are significant and will impact on a section of the community, the opportunity to explore the issues at scrutiny should mitigate this.

Recommendations

15. Members are asked to consider undertaking two policy development reviews, starting with a review of disabled parking and access in and around the city centre, followed by an holistic review of parking across the city

Reason: To identify an appropriate parking model that will rationalise arrangements for parking

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Wards Affected: *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

All

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Background Papers: None

Annexes:

Annex A – Scrutiny Topic Registration Form

Abbreviations

Cllr – Councillor

CYC – City of York Council

ResPark - Residents' priority parking scheme