

## DIRECTORATE OF CITY STRATEGY

# REQUEST FOR DECISION

Decision making level

Officer in Consultation (OIC)

Date

17 March 2015

## Clifton Ward - Abbey Street

#### **Decision Requested**

To overturn, uphold, or amend, as appropriate, the objections made to the advertised proposal to introduce a Residents' Priority Parking Area in Abbey Street

Recommended Option – Implement as Advertised

#### Reason

To improve on-street parking amenity for residents by removing non-residential parking on Abbey Street.

#### **Background Information**

A petition was received from residents in Abbey Street requesting consideration be given to the introduction of a Residents' Priority Parking. Consultation took place with residents in September 2014. The results of this consultation received consideration at an Officer in Consultation meeting on 25 November 2014.

44 of 71 ballot papers were returned (62%)

Of those returned:

- 32 (73%) supported the introduction of a Residents' Parking scheme
- 12 (27%) residents did not support the introduction of a Residents' Parking scheme

The level of support was considered to be sufficient and the decision was taken to initiate the legal process to amend the Traffic Regulation Order to include a Residents' Priority Parking Area on Abbey Street. A copy of the advertised proposal is included as Annex A.

The proposal was advertised on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Four residents of Abbey Street have made representations of objection. (Annex B)

#### **Consultation Process**

Each household was given information and asked to return a ballot paper to register their preference. As part of the consultation, some concerns were raised about the cost of permits and the necessity for action. Similar concerns have been raised within the legal consultation period.

#### **Community Impact Assessment**

Two positive and one negative impact have been identified for Age, Disability, and Carers of older and disabled people The negative impact is justified because, if implemented, the scheme will improve traffic management by reducing the amount of parking taking place and improve community cohesion by removing the impact of non-residential use.

Further details are included within the Community Impact Assessment (Annex D).

### **Statutory Powers**

Road Traffic Regulation Act Sections 1,2,3, 32, 35 and 37

### **Ward Members and Political Party Views**

See Annex C

## **Financial Programme Implications**

The costs of consultation and advertising the proposal were financed from the 2014/2015 budget for Residents' Priority Parking. Because implementation has been delayed it is anticipated further costs will be funded from the 2015/2016 budget allocation.

#### **Options**

The options available are:

- A. Overrule the objections and implement as advertised (Recommended option, of the 62% of ballot papers returned, 73% supported the introduction of the advertised scheme)
- B. Uphold the objections and take no further action (not recommended because of those who expressed an opinion the majority were in support).
- C. Refer the decision process to a Cabinet Member decision session

Level of Risk		
1-3 Acceptable	✓	16-20 Action Plan
4-8 Regular Monitoring		21-25 Registered as a corporate risk
9-15 Constant Monitoring		
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#### **Internal Consultation**

The additional lengths of restriction will have to be included in the rounds made by the parking attendants, but this will not require additional staff.

There are no legal, financial, sustainability, equalities, property, crime and disorder or other implications.

## **Implementation Status**

Implementation: May

A letter drop to residents will give information about applying for permits and implementation date.

#### Recommendations

Option A: Overrule the objections and approve the scheme for implementation as advertised

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Wards Affected: Clifton	All	_				
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Annex A: Scheme advertised

Annex B: Details of objections received with officer comments

Annex C: Members Comments

Annex D: Community Impact Assessment