

# Strategic Review of City Centre Access and Parking

# Why are we doing the review?

- A requirement of the Executive decision in November to permanently extend the footstreet, to be completed by the implementation of the permanent footstreets in **September 2021**
- To allow Executive to make a decision as to whether to proceed with St George's Field multi storey car park, decision required in **October 2021**
- To guide the development of Local Transport Plan 4, which commences **September 2021**

# Formal Exec decision and proposed delegation

## November Executive Footstreets Report recommendation:

Undertake a full strategic review of the city's parking and disabled access offer as set out in this report, to be completed by Summer 2021 at a cost of up to £40k from the existing footstreet engagement and Local Transport Plan 4 budgets.

**Reason:** To ensure the permanent footstreet extensions set out above are accompanied by appropriate mitigations for those who have been affected by the revised footstreets and to improve city centre accessibility.

The full terms of reference for the review will be scoped out and agreed with the **Executive Member for Transport**, but will include:

- A full review of the **Shopmobility offer**
- A feasibility study for a **city centre shuttle service** for people with mobility issues
- **Identify two car parks** with potential for achieving **gold standard for disabled users**
- A feasibility study to explore options for a **delivery hub model** for the city centre
- Consider through engagement the recommendations set out in the **independent review of York's access offer**
- Continuing dialogue with disabled residents on how we ensure that York continues to improve and enhance its access offer, and to continually improve these mitigations and help explore solutions together that accompany any permanent changes

# Aim

To undertake a strategic review of the access requirements and existing CYC car parking provision in a rapidly evolving city centre.



# Scope and Key Principles – City Centre Access

- How do we best manage the accessibility of an evolving city centre?
- Builds on the engagement work and responds to the issues raised by the operation of, and the extension to the footstreets.
- Focus on disabled groups, businesses and deliveries, cyclists, taxis and residents who live within the footstreets.
- Does not focus on strategic transport decisions, which will be part of LTP 4.

# Scope and Key Principles – CYC Car Parking

- We are still in a position of recovery, the city centre is changing and parking demand is state of flux, so now is not the right time to try to identify required capacity.
- CYC car parks generate £7m revenue each year
- Seeking to bring about change through reducing council provision without LTP 4 and associated planning policies could lead to the private sector filling the gap and benefiting from the parking revenue.
- This review will inform a strategy of how any future decline in parking demand is managed and which council car parks would be prioritised for investment and improvements.
- Therefore, the aim is to review the councils assets and create long term plan to manage any future natural or LTP 4 policy driven decline in parking provision.

# Objectives

## City Centre Access

Improve disabled access

Ensuring sustainable delivery solutions for city centre businesses

Review the operation of Taxis

Explore how all cycling groups access and navigate the city centre

Understand and respond to access needs of city centre residents

## City Centre Car Parking

Provide improved evidence base for future decision making

Identify strategic priority car parks for investment and retention

Optimise and future proof CYC car parks including revenue consideration

Respond to disabled access parking requirements

Guide future Car Free City Centre considerations

*Public and stakeholder engagement led*

*Technical and evidence base review led*

# Outcomes

## City Centre Access

### Disabled Access

### Deliveries

### Taxis

### Cycling

### Residents within Footstreets

Explore Shuttle Service

Review Shop-Mobility

Review quality and modes of access

Explore delivery hubs

Identify loading bays

Access

Disabled Access

Review operation of cycle couriers

Map city centre cycle routes

Explore disabled cyclist access

Access for off street parking

Trades people/ Access

## City Centre Parking

### Evidence base

### Priority car park locations

### Optimise and future proof CYC car parks

### Disabled access and parking

Collate all available data

Implement measures to improve future evidence base

Provide a matrix for assessment of car parks to produce hierarchy

Assess car parks to create hierarchy

Maximise CYC land assets

Improve customer experience and quality of car parks

Review pricing and payment options to allow flexibility

Optimising capacity and revenues

EV Charging

Maximising use of Park and Ride

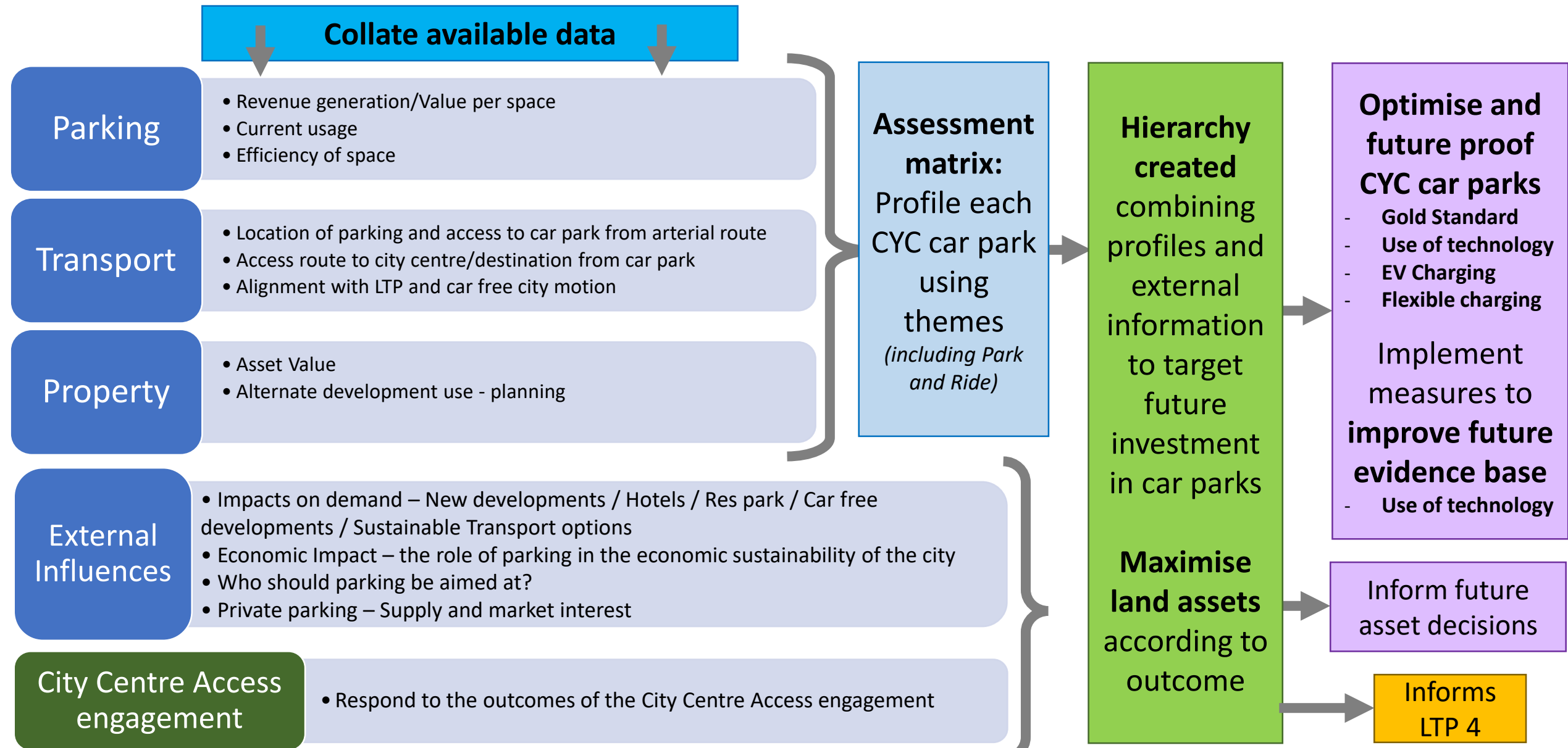
Implement City Centre Access recommendations for Blue Badge parking

Implement improvements to Shop-mobility service

Identify gold standard accessibility car parks



# Methodology - Assessment Matrix and Hierarchy



# Approach

**Exec Member:** Cllr D'Agorne

**Project Board:** Neil Ferris / Tracey Carter / James Gilchrist / Tony Clarke / Dave Atkinson / Nick Collins / Patrick Looker

**Project Lead:** Andy Kerr / Katie Peeke-Vout

**Engagement Lead:** Gareth Wilce / Katherine Atkinson

**External Support:** To be confirmed

**Key Stakeholders:** To be confirmed

**Exec agreed budget:** £40K (£16k unspent engagement budget and £24k LTP4)

# Approach – Timescales

	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21
<b>Outline Scope - PH CMT</b>							
<b>Exec Member Sign off of Scope</b>							
<b>Develop and Agree Methodology</b>							
<b>Public and Stakeholder Engagement - Access Review</b>							
<b>Draft Report - Access Review</b>							
<b>Compile evidence base - Parking Review</b>							
<b>Create Car Park Hierarchy</b>							
<b>Draft Report - Parking Review</b>							
<b>Reports to Executive</b>							