

Executive

18 March 2019

Report from the Economy and Place Policy
Development Committee

Residents' Priority Parking Scheme Scrutiny Review Final Report – Cover Report

Summary

1. This cover report presents the final report from the Residents' Priority Parking Scheme Scrutiny Review and asks the Executive to consider the recommendations arising from the review.

Recommendation

2. Having considered the final report at Appendix 1 the Executive is asked to approve the recommendations shown in paragraph 7, below.

Reason: To conclude the scrutiny review in line with City of York Council scrutiny procedures and protocols.

Background

3. At a meeting of the Economy and Place Policy Development Committee in June 2018 Members considered a proposal made by Cllr D'Agorne to review City of York's Residents' Parking Priority Scheme. After advice from Officers, Members agreed to undertake two policy development reviews, starting with an initial review to examine how best to mitigate measures for disabled access against vehicle scrutiny measures around the city centre.
4. This was to be followed by a review of residents' priority parking across the city and the Committee appointed an Task Group comprising Cllrs N Barnes, Cullwick (later replaced by Fenton), D'Agorne and Steward to carry out some initial research to inform a scoping report to be presented to the Committee's November 2018 meeting.

5. At the meeting in November 2018 the Committee agreed the following remit:

Aim:

To understand York's Residents' Parking Priority Scheme (ResPark) and identify efficiency savings that can be made, to both lower costs and make the scheme work better for residents.

Objectives:

- i. To examine different or simplified processes that can be used, e.g. the use of new technology;
- ii. To consider the size and extent of York's ResPark zones and whether there would be value in increasing the size of some zones;
- iii. To investigate best practice and different resident parking models in use elsewhere.

Consultation

6. Over a series of meetings the Task Group consulted with residents during an informal public meeting, canvassed other residents for their views and considered the findings of a residents' parking poll on the York Press website and best practices from elsewhere. They also met with the Assistant Director for Transport, Highways and Environment, the Head of Parking Services, Network Management and Parking and Customer Services.

Review Recommendations

7. At a meeting on 5 March 2019 the Economy and Place Policy Development Committee endorsed the following Review Recommendations:

That the Corporate Director of Economy and Place:

- i. Reviews the current pattern of ResPark zones with a view to rationalising them and identifying the most logical extensions into surrounding streets that suffer from non-resident parking;
- ii. Rationalises parking permits so there is more standardisation on permit length (i.e. replace the current 3, 6, 9 and 12 month permits

with one and 12 month permits);

- iii. Seeks to ensure residents' petitions for new zones are investigated and (if agreed) implemented as soon as possible, aiming for within a year.
- iv. Introduces an online self-service for customers to encourage online application and payment for parking permits and visitor vouchers, same day online payment for parking tickets, and to automate the requirement for evidence;
- v. Investigates the transition to a system of virtual permits, initially within a trial zone, to eliminate the need for paper permits through Automatic Number Plate Recognition and better links to DVLA to help enforcement;
- vi. Investigates digital options once virtual permits are in operation that will enable residents to check a registration number so if a vehicle is illegally parked the information is electronically passed to enforcement officers.
- vii. Examines the implications of allowing residents of new properties within existing ResPark zones to purchase a limited number of visitor vouchers.

Options

- 8. Having considered the final report at Appendix 1 the Executive may choose to approve and/or amend, or reject the recommendations arising from the review as set out in paragraph 7, above.

Council Plan

- 9. This review supports the Council's key priority to listen to residents, as listed in the Council Plan 2015-19. Within the Local Transport Plan sustainable forms of transport are prioritised above private car usage.

Implications and Risk Management

- 10. The implications and risks associated with the recommendations above are detailed in the review final report at Appendix 1

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Annexes

Appendix 1 – Resident s' Priority Parking Scheme Scrutiny Review
Final Report