

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

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Date of meeting: 21 April 2009

Report of: Strategic Director - Places

Title: Car Parking Strategy for Cheshire East Council

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 Presentation of a proposed Car Parking Strategy for Cheshire East Council.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 To adopt the proposed Parking Strategy

3.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs

3.1 No immediate implications.

4.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond

4.1 The strategy forms part of the background necessary to implement consistent parking regulation throughout the new Authority and supports the rationale for charging for parking.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 The Authority requires a Car Parking Strategy both to support the existing, and proposed, Civil Parking Enforcement regime, and to support the Local Transport Plan. This is stipulated, in particular, by the Dept. for Transport as a prerequisite for the granting of Civil Parking Enforcement Powers.

6.0 Risk Assessment

6.1 No significant risks are associated with this decision directly.

7.0 Background and Options

7.1 The Strategy has been reviewed and amended by the Parking Task Group, and then recommended to and approved by the Places Advisory Panel. The options are:

7.2 To approve this proposed Strategy as recommended.

7.3 Make any amendments and approve.

7.4 Not to approve.

8.0 Overview of Day One, Year One and Term One Issues

8.1 From Day One, the Strategy will clarify the aims and objectives of the Council in controlling parking within the Borough.

8.2 During Year One the Strategy will support the granting of Civil Parking Enforcement Powers in relation to the former Congleton Borough Council area, and to the introduction of control and regulation of off street parking in selected car parks in that area.

9.0 Recession Mitigation

9.1 The recently formed Recession Mitigation Task Group is currently considering the relationship between Town Centre car park charges and the levels of retail activity. Should this group bring forward any proposals in this area, very careful consideration will need to be given to the balancing of any reduced income from car parking and a demonstrable improvement in trade.

10.0 Reasons for Recommendation

10.1 The Strategy is recommended so that the application for Civil Parking Enforcement powers in Congleton borough area may proceed.

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Background Documents:

Draft 3 was approved by Places Advisory Panel, other drafts are available.