

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting:	23 September 2009
Report of:	Parking Manager
Subject/Title:	Residents Parking Policy

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The draft Residents Parking Policy is presented for scrutiny, prior to submission to Cabinet for adoption.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider making recommendations to Cabinet concerning the Policy.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The recommendations may assist Cabinet in their decision to adopt a Residents Parking Policy for Cheshire East.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 All

6.0 Policy Implications including

- 6.1 A Residents Parking Policy should contribute to the aim of reducing unnecessary vehicle movements which in turn reduces carbon emissions.
- 6.2 Reduced movements (for example of commuter cars) should also reduce fumes and improve air quality.

7.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs

- 7.1 N/A

8.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond

- 8.1 Set-up cost of implementation of each zonal scheme may average up to £45000. This is likely to require capital allocation which also incurs prudential borrowing costs. However should Cabinet decide to recoup this cost from residents, payback should be swift (dependent on level of any charge decided upon).
- 8.2 Any revenue surpluses from on street penalty charge notices should also be considered to be used.

9.0 Legal Implications

- 9.1 Legal considerations are set out within the Policy document.

10.0 Risk Management

- 10.1 The advantages and disadvantages of Residents Parking Schemes are set out within the Policy document.

11.0 Background and Options

- 11.1 At the previous meeting of this Committee a copy was circulated of the draft Residents Parking Policy which is also attached to this report. Members wished to consider these and to begin scrutiny work on the policy with a view to making recommendations to Cabinet. The draft policy has been used in the design and implementation of schemes currently rolling out in Macclesfield and in the preliminary stage of schemes for Wilmslow.
- 11.2 Cheshire East needs to adopt a policy so that a consistent, evidenced approach can be maintained to all proposed schemes. Members are asked to consider all aspects of the Policy and to offer recommendations as they see fit, but in particular may wish to comment upon the following:
- 11.2.1 In the Residents Parking Policy Document:
- Criteria for Consideration of Schemes (p 3)
 - Financial Principles (p 4)
- 11.3.2 In Appendix A (the Guidance on Introduction in Cheshire):
- Prioritisation of Schemes
 - Consultation and Approval
 - General Operation of Permits
 - Design – including the principle of a zonal approach
 - Scheme Charges and Review
 - Evaluation and Prioritisation Scoring System
- 11.3 Recommendations of the Committee are planned to be reported to Cabinet at its November meeting.

12.0 Overview of Year One and Term One Issues

- 12.1 Existing schemes are under way in Macclesfield and Wilmslow. Further roll-out subject to agreement of this policy, will be constrained by available resources. Thus it is unlikely that all schemes proposed and approved will be delivered within one year. Whilst consultation and design phases can be commenced simultaneously to some extent, a programme for implementation on the ground will require much more time and resource. This factor could lead to great dissatisfaction and disillusionment from consultees. Therefore the roll out timetable will need to be made clear.
- 12.2 Pressure to deliver the Schemes will mount especially if new parking controls including off street charging are introduced in the area of the former Borough of Congleton.

13.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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Attached

Draft Residents Parking Policy