

Report to:	Environment & Neighbourhoods Committee	Date:	15 September 2016
Report title:	Parking Strategy and Policy		
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Ward/Areas affected:	Borough Wide		
Chair of Committee/Lead Member:	Councillor Jill Whitehead		
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Corporate Plan Priorities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Open Council • A Green Council • A Fair Council • A Smart Council 		
Open/Exempt:	Open		
Signed :		Date:	2 September 2016

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Parking Strategy and Policy (The Strategy) will set out how the Borough will assess, review and manage its parking infrastructure to support the aspirations of One Planet Sutton, The Local Plan, and emerging Sutton Town Centre Masterplan and the 2031 growth agenda.
- 1.2 The Strategy will provide a more cohesive, borough-wide, approach to parking management and intelligent approach to enforcement. The Strategy will assess all available information to determine a 5 year strategy, with a delivery plan focussed on the first 3 years, that allows an opportunity to review existing measures and consider the changing social landscape to assess a range of interventions to meet the strategy objectives and manage a crisis in the present and future demand/supply of road space.

2. Recommendations

The Environment and Neighbourhood Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Agree and adopt the Parking Strategy and Policy 2016 and the associated delivery plan attached as Appendix A.

2.2 Note the capital financing required to support its delivery.

3. Background

3.1 The Borough's Parking Strategy was last refreshed and updated in 2012, and the attached document provides a revised approach to the management and delivery of Parking Schemes across the borough.

3.2 The timing of the review has been scheduled to allow adequate consideration to be given to the growth potential being set out for the borough, and such that the Strategy can set out how we avoid a crisis of road space. It has been identified that there are parts of the borough where there are too many cars and not enough road space, and this presents a range of issues that need to be managed.

3.3 In terms of the Strategy's relationship with existing and emerging policies, the document has been reviewed against One Planet Sutton, the emerging Local Plan and Sutton Town Centre Masterplan, the Sustainable Transport Strategy and the Cycling Strategy. A key element to One Planet Sutton is about the borough being a place where people lead happy healthy lives in a way which reduces our dependence on resources, and there are key themes to help deliver the vision, and this strategy and the associated policies provides opportunities to help achieve that vision.

3.4 As well as Council policies, the Strategy needs to be compliant with the London Plan and the Mayor's Transport Strategy, and also be mindful of the Mayor's emerging New Clean Air Strategy.

4. Issues

4.1 The Strategy document covers the existing issues and also considers issues that may arise as the project is rolled out. It is important to note that the project will not solve all of the existing issues. Also any permit parking schemes that are implemented as part of this project will be self financing, and will not be a source of revenue generation.

5. Options Considered

5.1 As part of the development of the project, a key issue for delivery has been around the length of the work programme, and various options for delivering the strategy were considered to ensure that the most efficient and appropriate method was chosen. This resulted in a preferred option of a 5 year delivery plan, as detailed in Appendix A, which is based on a condensed delivery/implementation phase over three years, followed by a review phase of a further two years.

5.2 The options for the permit parking schemes in each of the local areas will be developed and determined as part of each the delivery phases, as set out in the Strategy.

6. Impacts and Implications

Financial

- 6.1 In the current Capital Programme there is secured funding of £750,000 towards the Area Wide Parking Scheme, approved at the Council meeting on 7 March 2016. There is also £625,000 of funding already approved, and released, for update of Pay and Display infrastructure work for which is already underway.
- 6.2 Initial cost estimates have been carried out which identify the additional level of funding required to deliver the strategy, and those costs are estimated at approximately £1,733,000.
- 6.3 Opportunities to access other funding to supplement this such as Community Infrastructure Levy funding and external funding will be explored across the programme to meet the range of interventions developed through the assessment and review phases.
- 6.4 Ongoing revenue costs to manage and enforce permit and pay and display schemes will be managed through the On Street Parking account.

Legal

- 6.5 The Council, as the local traffic authority, has a statutory duty under Section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 to manage their road network with a view to achieving, so far as may be reasonably practicable having regard to their other obligations, policies and objectives, the following objectives-
 - (a) securing the expeditious movement of traffic on its road network; and
 - (b) facilitating the expeditious movement of traffic on road networks of another traffic authority.
- 6.6 In performing this network management duty the Council may take, any action which they consider will contribute to securing –
 - (a) the more efficient use of their road network; or
 - (b) the avoidance, elimination or reduction of road congestion or other disruption to the movement of traffic on their road network that of another traffic authority
- 6.7 This may involve the exercise of any power to regulate or coordinate the uses made of any road (or part of a road) in the road network (whether or not the power was conferred on them in their capacity as a traffic authority).
- 6.8 The Council must make such arrangements as they consider appropriate for planning and carrying out the action to be taken in performing the network management duty, and keep these under review. The arrangements include identifying things which are, or will cause, or have the



potential to cause, road congestion or other disruption to the movement of traffic on their road network; and consider how this should be addressed. The Strategy is made in accordance with the Council’s duties as Traffic Authority.

- 6.9 As Traffic Authority under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the Council may make Traffic Management Order’s controlling, or regulating vehicular and other traffic. It also has various other powers to regulate traffic, including controlling off-street parking, which are heavily prescribed. The Strategy includes proposals for regulations which would be made by TMO. Any proposed TMO would be made in accordance with the detailed provisions of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI No.1996/2989). This includes consultation, publication of notice of any proposed TMO, consideration of any objections received before any TMO is confirmed and giving notice of any TMO made.

Integrated Impact Assessment

- 6.10 In considering the recommendation members must consider the public sector equality duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation; to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not; and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 6.11 IIA form is appended to this report.

Community

- 6.12 Residents and Councillors have been given the opportunity to contribute to the scheme development through the engagement process as set out in the Strategy document.

Risk

- 6.13 A full risk assessment will be produced as part of the Scheme documentation.

7. Appendices and Background Documents

Appendix letter	Title
A	IIA
B	Parking Strategy

Audit Trail		
Version	Final	Date: 2 September 2016
Consultation with other officers		

Finance	Yes	Tony Cooke
Legal	Yes	Fiona Thomsen
Other Officers:	Yes	Glenn Phillips, Head of Community Safety Services
Integrated Impact Assessment required?	Yes	Completed

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