

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....1st February 2007

1. Title of Item/Report

Stockton Town Centre Car Parking Strategy

2. Record of the Decision

Members were reminded that, at its meeting held on 20 April 2006, approval was given to the principle of revocation/relaxation of Town Centre waiting restrictions and to the introduction of on-street charging where it would assist short stay customer parking and support small businesses.

The report also endorsed a review of Market Trader parking, Taxi Rank provision, Blue Badge enforcement as well as the introduction of Bus Lane Camera monitoring.

Members were mindful of the Stockton Riverside Sites Master Plan exercise and its potential impact on off-street parking provision in the town and agreed that a further report be brought on a Parking Strategy for Stockton Town Centre.

Members were provided with details of how the Riverside Sites Master Plan would impact on Stockton Town Centre off street parking.

Members noted that detailed proposals to introduce on street pay and display parking, extend town centre residents parking zones and provide additional taxi ranks had been developed. Work was progressing on a residents parking zone in the Parkfield area and consultation would commence later in the year on the introduction of a residents parking zone in the Wellington Street area.

A study of parking had been carried out on by Faber Maunsell Consulting Engineers. From the study the Council would develop a car parking strategy to ensure the appropriate level, location, quality and pricing of on and off street car parking in the town centre in order to assure the continued vitality of Stockton town centre in the short, medium and long term. Members were provided with a copy of the Executive Summary and Action Plan coming from the study, together with a plan identifying the location of key sites. A copy of the full report had been made

available in the Members' Library.

Cabinet noted the key findings and recommendations of the study. Details of the consultation undertaken during the study was provided.

Taking into account the consultants findings and recommended action plan and the need to make some positive steps to both manage single occupancy Council employee car trips and encourage modal shift, Cabinet were asked to consider short, medium and long term strategies. Details of the strategies were provided to Members in the report. It was noted that the short term strategy suggested the implementation of Camera Enforcement of the High Street Bus Lane.

RESOLVED that

1. the short to medium term off-street Car Parking Strategy detailed in the report be approved in order to deal with impending redevelopment of existing sites.
2. the longer term car parking strategy be approved to inform future Capital bids subject to detailed feasibility and a further report to Cabinet at the appropriate time.
3. the progress with on-street pay and display car parking proposals to assist businesses with additional short stay customer parking opportunities be noted.
4. the Council Travel Plan contribution to the overall strategy be agreed.
5. the implementation of camera enforcement of the High Street Bus Lane be approved.
6. Delegate authority be given to the Corporate Director of Development and Neighbourhood Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport to take detailed actions to deliver the Stockton Town Centre car parking Action Plan using Local Transport Plan Capital allocations.
7. the introduction of a Residents Permit Zone in the Parliament Street area, with consultation on further expansion to the Wellington Street area planned for later in the year, be noted.
8. it be noted that there are no significant changes to the service area's Medium Term Financial Plan at this stage.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Regeneration initiatives in Stockton would have a significant impact on the car parking stock from 2007 onwards and it was essential that the Council had a strategy in place to manage demand for both long and short stay off-street parking facilities, particularly in view of the long lead time for developing permanent facilities.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not Applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on Friday 9th February 2007

Proper Officer  
06 July 2007