

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting1st September 2016

1. Title of Item/Report

Scrutiny Review of School Parking

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report that outlined the findings of the Scrutiny Review of School Parking.

The number of cars taking children to and from school had increased over the years not just in Stockton Borough but nationally and as such needed to be recognised as a problem that could not easily be remedied locally.

The key concerns that were investigated by the Crime and Disorder Select Committee were:

- Safety of children who were trying to cross roads between parked cars.
- Residents unable to access their own homes/driveways and being verbally abused by drivers.
- Safety of drivers (and young passengers) trying to manoeuvre where there were cars parked across junctions, on bends etc.
- How Enforcement Officers and local police could deal with the problem.
- What good practice was already happening and how could this be shared.

RESOLVED that:-

1. A resource pack be developed for all schools to assist them with delivering a range of measures within Stockton Borough to help address the issue of parking outside schools. This could include:

- Developing a school/pupil champion as a school lead for the dissemination of: information/raising awareness / encouraging alternative/sustainable travel to and from school / a campaign involving travelling to school to help parents make informed choices;
- Developing informal parking charters to be signed by parents.
- Developing informal friendship stops where parent volunteers could provide a walking bus and informal arrangements for drop off;

- Introducing an annual Award Scheme to recognise borough-wide achievements;
 - A video resource for schools to highlight the issues dealt with by Enforcement Officers
 - Promote and extend the advisory service on request to head teachers/school governors to determine measures that individual schools could take to reduce the issues and incidences of car parking at schools
 - A summary of the powers available to schools to manage traffic/parking on school grounds
2. All Councillors who were School Governors to be encouraged to promote the resource pack within their schools.
 3. Articles were featured in Stockton News on school parking issues to promote parental best practice outside school premises.
 4. Maximum consideration to future school planning submissions be given by Stockton Council's Planning Committee to ensure travel arrangements alleviate wherever possible parking outside schools.
 5. Continue to monitor the possibility for further enforcement measures, including for example:
 - Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders
 - Public Space Protection Orders
 6. If requested by individual schools Stockton Council would consider site specific improvements or changes to assist with enforcement or education of drivers to reduce the impact of school parking. This may involve additional engineering measures or a review of restrictions as examples.
 7. Subject to resources, schools with particular car parking problems were supported / targeted more frequently by SBC Enforcement Service than others especially if campaigns were undertaken.
 8. Stockton Council makes representation to the Government to review the legislation and regulations that relate to/impact on parking outside of schools.
 9. Availability of funding for schemes and initiatives to reduce parking problems outside of schools continue to be monitored.
 10. The introduction of a protocol for issuing Park Smart notices by Enforcement/Parking Officers be explored.

11. Council Enforcement Services and Cleveland Police continue to contribute to tackling school parking issues when identified and be tasked accordingly within the remit of those Services.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The report presents the findings of the scrutiny review that took place as part of the agreed work programme for 2015-16.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Cllr Jim Beall declared a personal non prejudicial interest in agenda item 4 – Scrutiny Review of School Parking as he was a governor at Rosebrook Primary School

Cllr Ann McCoy declared a personal non prejudicial interest in agenda item 4 – Scrutiny Review of School Parking as she was a governor at High Clarence and Pentland Primary Schools.

Cllr Steve Nelson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in agenda item 4 – Scrutiny Review of School Parking as he was a governor at Frederick Nattrass Primary School.

Cllr Norma Wilburn declared a personal non prejudicial interest in agenda item 4 – Scrutiny Review of School Parking as she was a governor at The Glebe Primary School.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

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

Midnight, 9th September 2016

Proper Officer
05 June 2016