

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel

Date **24 August 2020**

Report of: **Director of Leisure and Community**

Subject: **PARKING SERVICES REVIEW**

SUMMARY

The on-street parking enforcement Agency Agreement with Hampshire County Council was terminated, at the County Council's request, on 31 March 2020.

In order to prepare for this change, at the meeting on 04 March 2019, the Executive agreed to a wide-ranging review of the Parking Service. This took place during 2019.

A draft Executive report has now been prepared, which outlines the top-level results and proposals for the future provision of parking within the Borough, that includes improvements to the town centre's parking infrastructure and the introduction of charges in coastal car parks. The report can be found at Appendix A and more detailed results at Appendix B. A presentation will also be given to the Scrutiny Panel on 24 August outlining the main findings of the review.

The Scrutiny Panel is asked to comment on the contents of the presentation, draft Executive report and detailed results. Any comments will be added to the report to be presented to the 07 September 2020 meeting of the Executive for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Scrutiny Panel note and comment on the presentation, draft Executive Report and detailed results in advance of the report being presented to the 07 September meeting of the Executive for consideration. Comments will be included in the final report presented to the Executive on 07 September.

INTRODUCTION

1. The on-street parking enforcement Agency Agreement with Hampshire County Council was terminated, at the County Council's request, on 31 March 2020. In order to prepare for this change, on 04 March 2019 the Executive agreed to a wide-ranging review of the Parking Service.
2. The overall aim of the review was to ensure that residents could benefit from improved off-street parking choices and a more responsive enforcement service, whilst delivering new revenue streams for the Council.
3. The review included research into the charging regimes of comparable councils as well as the latest parking technologies. It also included a consultation exercise on customers parking preferences, plus usage surveys in the town centre and coastal car parks.
4. A draft Executive report has now been prepared. This outlines the top level results and proposals for the future provision of parking, including the introduction of charging in coastal car parks and improvements to the town centre's parking infrastructure. These proposals have the potential to generate a significant new revenue stream for the Council which will help to offset the costs of the parking service, including major improvements to Osborn Rd Multi-Storey Car Park, as well as contributing to the £1.5 million shortfall in the Council's medium term financial plan.
5. The draft Executive report can be found at Appendix A. More detailed results can be found at Appendix B. A presentation will also be given to the Scrutiny Panel on 24 August outlining the main findings of the review.
6. The Scrutiny Panel are asked to note and comment on the contents of the presentation, draft Executive report and detailed results. Comments will be added to the Parking Review report to be presented to the Executive on 07 September 2020 for consideration.

CONCLUSION

7. A review of parking in the Borough has been conducted, which contains a number of proposals for future provision, including improvements to the town centre's parking infrastructure and charging in coastal car parks. The Scrutiny Panel is asked to note and comment on the review and proposals, with comments being added to the Parking Review report to be presented to the meeting of the Executive on 07 September 2020 for consideration.

Appendices: A: Draft Parking Service Review Report

B: Detailed Parking Review Results

Reference Papers: Report to the Executive on 4 March 2019 entitled "Parking Enforcement"

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