

**REPORT FROM: HEAD OF ECONOMIC GROWTH**

**TO: COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

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## **PARKING POLICY AND STRATEGIES FOR PENDLE**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To provide members with the background and proposed process for producing a new overarching Pendle parking policy followed by five area-specific parking strategies for Nelson, Brierfield, Barnoldswick, Earby and Colne.
2. To nominate a working group to assess and review the current car parking situation and to establish what this area committee requires from the new policy and strategy.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) That members note the report and proposed process.
- (2) That members nominate a working group or individual.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) To agree on the process.
- (2) For the working group to assist in establishing this area committee's parking requirements.

### **ISSUE**

1. Pendle does not currently have a parking policy or strategy. Senior management requested that we produce a Parking Strategy in 2022.
2. Parking enforcement and car park maintenance were handed over to the Engineering section in May 2023 from the Service Support Team due to staff changes.
3. The Business Support Team had already completed many surveys and background work prior to parking being handed over to the Engineering Team. The attached Parking in Pendle – Baseline Report at Appendix 1 outlines their findings and the baseline for parking in Pendle as well as the issues we need to address.

4. The main outcome from previous surveys and reports is that one size does not fit all: each area has its own car parking requirements.
5. We now propose to produce the following:
  - (a) one overarching parking policy; and
  - (b) five area-specific parking strategies (Nelson, Brierfield, Barnoldswick, Earby and Colne).
6. To do this we first need to talk to members to ensure that we encompass their requirements within the policy and strategies. We propose to do this by setting up working groups via the relevant area committees.
7. The purpose of this report is to appoint someone, or a group of people, from this area committee for the working group.
8. Once the working group is agreed, a meeting will be arranged with the Engineering Team to discuss town-specific parking issues and member requirements. The meeting could include a site visit to all of the car parks in the area.
9. Once we have feedback from the working groups, it may be necessary to appoint a consultant to collate the information from the working groups and for them to conduct professional surveys on all of the car parks across Pendle.
10. In the past we have used NSL (Marston Holdings) for these types of surveys but there are other traffic consultants such as Jacobs and Atkins that we could approach as part of a tender exercise.
11. The information from the working groups and the consultant's surveys will feed into the overarching policy and five area-specific strategies.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

**Policy:** A new parking policy and area-specific strategies are the overall aim of this report.

**Financial:** To appoint a consultant to carry out the necessary surveys and write up the policy and area-specific strategies will require funding.

**Legal:** None arising from this report.

**Risk Management:** None arising from this report.

**Health and Safety:** None arising from this report.

**Climate Change:** None arising from this report.

**Community Safety:** None arising from this report.

**Equality and Diversity:** None arising directly from the report.

## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1: Parking in Pendle – Baseline Report.

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.