

PART A

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting: 16 June 2016
Report of: Committee and Scrutiny Officer
Title: Scrutiny Proposal – The Parking Strategy (Year 1 recommendations)

1.0 Summary

1.1 This report provides the scrutiny committee with details for a new Task group.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the scrutiny proposal submitted by the Head of Regeneration and Development, attached at Appendix 1, and decides whether to establish a new task group.

2.2 That Overview and Scrutiny Committee agrees the membership for the task group. However if an insufficient number of councillors come forward to participate in this review prior to the meeting, delegated authority be granted to the Head of Democracy and Governance, in consultation with the Chair, to approve the final membership.

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3.0 Detailed Proposal

3.1 The Head of Regeneration and Development has submitted a scrutiny proposal form indicating that officers would appreciate non executive members input prior to the recommendations being presented to Cabinet in September. The aim is to carry out the review within two or three meetings, all being held before the end of July. The proposal is attached at Appendix 1.

- 3.2 The Parking Strategy covers car, bicycle, powered two wheeler, coach, taxi and freight parking and use of on-street space. The policies contained within the parking strategy address existing parking problems, challenges and opportunities. Year one of the recommendations concentrates on the Town Centre area inside the Ring Road.
- 3.3 On 24 May 2016 the Committee and Scrutiny Officer emailed all councillors informing of the proposed scrutiny suggestion and sought expressions of interest in participating in this review, if agreed by Overview and Scrutiny Committee. A further reminder was sent to all non-executive councillors on 3 June.
- 3.4 At the time of writing this report three councillors have expressed an interest in taking part in the review –
- Councillor Anne Joynes
 - Councillor Sohail Bashir
 - Councillor Kareen Hastrick

The Committee and Scrutiny Officer will provide a further update at the meeting.

- 3.5 Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to review the attached proposal and decide whether to establish a task group.
- 3.6 If Overview and Scrutiny Committee is minded to agree to the task group and insufficient members have been identified at the meeting, the scrutiny committee is asked to delegate authority to the Head of Democracy and Governance in consultation with the Chair, to approve the final membership. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

4.0 **Implications**

4.1 **Financial**

- 4.1.1 The Head of Finance comments that costs for this Group can be met from existing budget provision.

4.2 **Legal Issues (Monitoring Officer)**

- 4.2.1 The Head of Democracy and Governance comments that there are no legal implications in this report

4.3 **Potential Risks**

- 4.3.1 No potential risks have been identified. Officers will consider any potential risks if they move forward with the recommendations.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Scrutiny proposal form from the Head of Regeneration and Development

Background Papers

None

File Reference

None