

## PART A

**Report to:** Cabinet  
**Date of meeting:** 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
**Report of:** Head of Regeneration and Development  
**Title:** The Parking Strategy – Year 1 Recommendations

### 1.0 **Summary**

- 1.1 Following the Council's decision in to support the Parking Strategy a Task and Finish Group was set up through Scrutiny Committee to consider The Parking Strategy Year 1 works in relation to the allocation of kerb side parking space within the Town Centre / Ring Road.
- 1.2 Details of the considerations along with the Task and Finish Groups recommendations are attached in appendix 'A' .

### 2.0 **Recommendations**

- 2.1 Cabinet's views are sought on the recommendations produced by the Task and Finish Group shown on pages 5-8 of Task Group Report.
- 2.2 Cabinet is also requested to consider budgeting issues in relation to proposed works.

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### 3.0 Detailed Proposal

3.1 Parking Strategy Task Group Report attached.

### 4.0 Implications

#### 4.1 Financial

4.1.1 The Director of Finance comments that the estimated cost of the Traffic Order works including signing and lining changes is estimated at £8,000. The cost of constructing the disabled parking layby in Church Street is estimated at £40,000. If Cabinet is minded to implement the proposals put forward by the Task and Finish Group then the budget for this element of the works has not yet been allocated. Cabinet is requested to consider whether it would wish to fund this work from the Parking Reserve. The balance in the Reserve on 31 March 2016 was approximately £775,000.

#### 4.2 Legal Issues (Monitoring Officer)

4.2.1 The Head of Democracy and Governance comments that should Cabinet decide to support the recommendation of the Task Group Traffic Regulation Orders will need to be made. These are subject to a statutory process which could result in a public inquiry if objections are received. The Council has been delegated the authority to make Traffic Regulation Orders of this nature by Hertfordshire County Council as Highway Authority.

#### 4.3 Equalities

4.3.1 The Parking Strategy looks to balance the often conflicting demands of interest groups including those represented minorities in the Town Centre. Subject to Cabinet's decision in relation to the recommendations from the Task & Finish Group on the proposed changes a full Equalities Impact Assessment will be carried out as part of the implementation process.

#### 4.4 Potential Risks

Potential Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Overall score
Failure to implement could result in criticism of the Council and damage to reputation.	2	4	8
Lack of funding would prevent any of the proposals being implemented. And would therefore not meet the outcomes of the Parking Strategy	1	3	3
Failure to implement some/ all of the proposals due to the receipt of significant unresolvable objection through the statutory consultation process	1	4	4

High cost utility diversions making some of the proposals unaffordable	1	4	4
<i>Those risks scoring 9 or above are considered significant and will need specific attention in project management. They will also be added to the service's Risk Register.</i>			

#### 4.5 **Staffing**

4.5.1 No implications from this report

#### 4.6 **Accommodation**

4.6.1 No implications from this report

#### 4.7 **Community Safety**

4.7.1 No implications from this report

#### 4.8 **Sustainability**

4.8.1 The parking Strategy is looking to balance a range of parking modes including Buses, Taxis, Cycling, Powered Two Wheels and opportunities for Blue Badge Parking.

### **Appendices**

- Appendix A - Parking Strategy Task Group Report
- Appendix B - Parking Strategy Task and Finish Group – Plans.

### **Background Papers**

- The Parking Strategy Summary Report.

### **File Reference**

- None.