

Record of Decision

Mayor's Response to Objection to the Parking Strategy 2016-2021

Decision Taker

Mayor on 29 September 2016

Decision

- (i) that the Mayor disagrees with the objection to the Parking Strategy 2016-2021 as he does not support the use of mobile camera enforcement vehicles; and
- (ii) that the Executive Head of Business Services be requested to explore other forms of camera technology, other than mobile camera enforcement vehicles, for example putting cameras on crossing patrol lollipops or permanent cameras outside schools (which would be funded by the schools) to address concerns about public safety, in particular road safety risks to children outside school entrances.

Reason for the Decision

To respond to the Council's objections to the Parking Strategy 2016-2021.

Implementation

The original report, together with this record of decision, will be considered at the Council meeting on 27 October 2016.

Information

At the Council meeting on 22 September 2016, the Council formally objected to the Parking Strategy 2016-2021 on the basis that:

- i) the Council is concerned that public safety, in particular road safety risks to children outside school entrances, has not been given sufficient priority. Therefore, the Mayor reconsiders the Officer recommendation as set out below:
 - (i) That the Torbay Council Parking Strategy 2016-2021, as set out in Appendix 2 to the submitted report, be adopted, except that the phrase "However, this Strategy does not support the use of mobile enforcement cameras" should be deleted on page 15, under the section marked 'Fair Enforcement', and replaced with the following statement:-

"In particular the use of mobile enforcement cameras can improve road safety for children outside school entrances and reduce the road safety risks presented to public transport users. Strict operating procedures should be applied to the use of any mobile technology to ensure that fair enforcement is undertaken and the law abiding motorist is not penalised."
 - (ii) That the Parking Operations Panel and Members involvement in the decision making process be reviewed after one year.

In accordance with the Constitution at F4.9, the Council therefore requires the Mayor to consider this objection by 14 October 2016 either:

- a) submit a revision of the Parking Strategy 2016-2021 with the reasons for any amendments to the Council for its consideration; or
- b) inform the Council of any disagreement that the Executive has with any of the Council's objections and the Executive's reasons for any such disagreement.

The Mayor considered the recommendations of the Council and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes – Reference Number: I023562

Does the call-in procedure apply?

No

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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Signed: _____
Mayor of Torbay

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