

Supporting Information and Impact Assessment

Service / Policy:	Torbay Council Parking Strategy 2016-2021
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Section 1: Background Information	
1.	<p>What is the proposal / issue?</p> <p>Following a review of the current position in relation to parking in Torbay, a new Parking Strategy for the Torbay area is presented to Council for adoption.</p>
2.	<p>What is the current situation?</p> <p>Torbay Council's existing Parking Strategy covered the period 2008 ~ 2013 and was therefore due for renewal. In March 2015, the Mayor (on the recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Board) requested officers to undertake a review of parking in Torbay.</p> <p>The Executive Head of Business Services carried out that review in 2015/2016 with the following objective :-</p> <p>“To review parking in Torbay to ensure that there is a collective understanding and consensus for the fair delivery of parking in Torbay.”</p> <p>The report from the review was published on the Council's website in March 2016 and was presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 30 March 2016.</p> <p>The information obtained during the review has been used to prepare the new Parking Strategy for Torbay for 2016 - 2021.</p>
3.	<p>What options have been considered?</p> <p>This revision of the Torbay Council Parking Strategy represents the first major redrafting since the existing Strategy was approved in 2008. The Review of Parking which preceded the redrafting considered all aspects of parking.</p> <p>The Strategy presents a way forward to provide the fairest and most consistent approach to parking management and provision in Torbay. It set outs the Vision, Values and Aims that underpin our approach to parking. It also sets out the key work areas that we will focus on to take Parking Services forward over the next five years.</p> <p>As parking affects many facets of life for residents, businesses and visitors to Torbay, this Strategy seeks to balance the needs of everyone, car users and non-users alike within a local transport network constrained by both capacity and</p>

	<p>topography. This includes emergency services, commuters, public transport users and groups with more specific needs.</p> <p>The on-going review and development of off-street and on-street parking will continue to address any imbalances which have led to surpluses of parking in some areas, deficits in others and the need for ongoing investment to raise the standard of parking provision. This strategy takes a realistic and long-term view of what is feasible and likely to be achieved in Torbay, and what is required to help deliver successful initiatives.</p> <p>This Parking Strategy sits below the overarching Local Transport Plan – Devon and Torbay Strategy 2011 – 2026 (April 2011). More specifically it will link into and be incorporated within Torbay’s Local Transport Plan – Implementation Plan.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>How does this proposal support the ambitions and principles of the Corporate Plan 2015-19?</p> <p>It is anticipated that this Strategy will contribute towards a ‘Prosperous and Healthy’ Torbay by supporting the local economy and keeping our road network free from the detrimental effects of traffic congestion and pollution.</p> <p>The Strategy relates closely to the targeted actions of :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working towards a more prosperous Torbay. • Promoting healthy lifestyles across Torbay. • Ensuring Torbay remains an attractive and safe place to live and visit. <p>A set of core values which will underpin the Council’s approach to parking are set out within the Strategy – these values are aligned to the ambitions and principles within the Council’s Corporate Plan.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Who will be affected by this proposal and who do you need to consult with?</p> <p>The Parking Strategy will have an impact on the residents, businesses and visitors of Torbay as well as on the staff who manage Parking Services on a day-to-day basis.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>How will you propose to consult?</p> <p>A wide ranging consultation was undertaken as part of the Review of Parking with the views from that consultation reflected throughout that report. At that stage, consultees included all Councillors, the general public (with 1600 responses), Chambers of Trade, Federation of Small Businesses, Business Forum, trade associations, schools and staff.</p> <p>The draft Strategy has been available for comment on the Council’s website with those organisations and individuals who took part in the original Parking Review consultation being invited to submit comments and views.</p> <p>The public consultation was open between 18th July 2016 and 26th August 2016. In addition to being promoted on the Council’s consultation web page, posters were displayed in Torbay Council car parks and a press release issued to local media outlets. It was also highlighted on the Council’s social media forums and</p>

	<p>emailed to respondents from the Parking Review consultation, Viewpoint Panel members and local stakeholders. Written responses were sent to consultation@torbay.gov.uk. Employees at Torbay Council and the Torbay Development Agency were also consulted as was the Task & Finish Group set up by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Board.</p> <p>In total there were only 48 responses to the public consultation on the draft Parking Strategy. Four organisations/groups responded to the consultation and the remaining responses were received from individuals. Seven of the individual responses were from residents of one road who were prompted to request solutions to parking issues in their area via the consultation inbox. These emails were forwarded to the Council's Highways service along with one further email that expressed problems with disabled parking spaces.</p> <p>Overall, the majority of individuals' comments were on similar specific themes and issues related to the Parking Review consultation rather than the Parking Strategy. There were fewer comments about the Strategy itself.</p> <p>The results of the public consultation on the draft version of this Strategy did not give rise to any further significant changes to the Parking Strategy document.</p>
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Section 2: Implications and Impact Assessment	
7.	<p>What are the financial and legal implications?</p> <p>There are no financial or legal implications of adopting a new Parking Strategy. Decisions in relation to any changes in operation of parking services will be made in accordance with the Council's Constitution with the decision making framework being articulated in the Strategy. The financial and legal implications of those operational decisions will be considered when decisions are made.</p>
8.	<p>What are the risks?</p> <p>The risks of not adopting the proposed Parking Strategy are that the existing Strategy is out of date and no longer fit for purpose. The proposed Strategy ensures that the principles by which the Council now operates are embedded in how parking is delivered. The proposed Strategy aims to ensure that the public have a managed level of expectation in relation to parking.</p>
9.	<p>Public Services Value (Social Value) Act 2012</p> <p>The Act does not apply to this proposal.</p>
10.	<p>What evidence / data / research have you gathered in relation to this proposal?</p> <p>The Review of Parking in Torbay provided the baseline data for the review of the Parking Strategy. It is available on the Council's website at</p>

	http://www.torbay.gov.uk/media/7429/parking-review-report.pdf
<p>11.</p>	<p>What are key findings from the consultation you have carried out?</p> <p>The results from the public consultation on the proposed Parking Strategy are included at Appendix 3 to this report.</p> <p>In the main the Parking Strategy has been informed by the outcomes of the Parking Review and subsequent feedback from the community and other stakeholders. The results of the public consultation on the draft version of the Strategy did not give rise to any further significant changes to the final document.</p> <p>It is a recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Board's report that the draft Parking Strategy for 2016-2021 should be forwarded to the Council for adoption within the Policy Framework. The draft Parking Strategy considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board reflects the officer recommendation set out in 3.3 of the covering report.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Amendments to Proposal / Mitigating Actions</p> <p>Following consultation with the Mayor the draft Parking Strategy was amended to reflect his wish that the Strategy should not support the use of mobile enforcement cameras. A separate officer recommendation does not support this view.</p>

Equality Impacts

13	<p>Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups</p> <p>Although the parking strategy will have no differential impact on many of the specific groups listed below the aims of the strategy are as follows :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide good quality public car parking facilities • Improve road safety and accessibility • Promote sustainable modes of transport and improve air quality • Listen to the needs of residents, businesses and visitors • Provide for those with accessibility issues • Consider wider Council strategic objectives in the design and management of parking provision • Recognise the different characteristics of areas within the Bay while being fair and consistent • Keep traffic moving and assist the reliable and effective operation of public transport • Be responsive to changing parking circumstances 		
	Positive Impact	Negative Impact & Mitigating Actions	Neutral Impact
Older or younger people			There is no differential impact.
People with caring Responsibilities			There is no differential impact.
People with a disability	<p>Torbay Councils Parking Strategy 2016 – 2021 sets out the following principle (pg12):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-street parking provision in town central areas should be aimed mainly for short stay parking, “blue badge” holders, taxis and 		

	<p>deliveries;</p> <p>The Strategy sets out the following in relation to Disabled Parking (Pg 13):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council will ensure that disabled parking spaces are easily accessible to pedestrian access facilities • That further consideration will be made to increase the number of on-street disabled parking spaces where parking provision in off-street car parks will not meet all national standards • That the proportion of on-street spaces dedicated to the disabled will be determined on a case by case basis, based upon existing usage, known demands and consultation with disabled access groups. <p>The Parking Strategy also details a 'decision making framework and criteria' which assesses a range of accessibility issues – these are set out within appendix two.</p>		
Women or men			There is no differential impact.

	People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME) <i>(Please note Gypsies / Roma are within this community)</i>			There is no differential impact.
	Religion or belief (including lack of belief)			There is no differential impact.
	People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual			There is no differential impact.
	People who are transgendered			There is no differential impact.
	People who are in a marriage or civil partnership			There is no differential impact.
	Women who are pregnant / on maternity leave			There is no differential impact.
	Socio-economic impacts (Including impact on child poverty issues and deprivation)			There is no differential impact.
	Public Health impacts (How will your proposal impact on the general health of the population of Torbay)			There is no differential impact.
14	Cumulative Impacts – Council wide (proposed changes elsewhere which might worsen the impacts identified above)	N/A		

15	Cumulative Impacts – Other public services (proposed changes elsewhere which might worsen the impacts identified above)	N/A
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