

Information/Discussion Paper

Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee –

23 November 2011

Cheltenham Car Parking Strategy

This note contains the information to keep members informed of matters relating to the work of the Committee, but where no decisions from members are needed.

1. Why has this come to scrutiny?

Background

The 'Cheltenham Parking Board', (The Board) a county/borough partnership is moving towards a more holistic approach to parking in Cheltenham and which will lead the development of a jointly owned parking strategy for Cheltenham (the Strategy), considering both on and off-street parking needs within the borough.

2. Summary of the Issue

Parking facilities are a key component to the vitality of any town centre and Cheltenham is no different in this respect. The newly created Cheltenham Development Task Force has set out its central area ambition which is:

“to support the town’s economic strength and sustainable development by revitalising key streets and spaces to the highest attainable quality for the benefit of the whole community.”

The role of streets and streetscapes needs to be considered in conjunction with how residents, commuters and visitors access the town and its services – thus, the contribution parking schemes make to the well-being of the local economy is an area that requires detailed consideration.

3. Summary of evidence/information

A draft paper entitled “Towards a Cheltenham Parking Strategy” has been tabled with the Parking Board (which is attached for member consideration). The Board have agreed to the establishment of a member working group to support the development of the Cheltenham Local Parking Strategy with the aim that it be included within the county wide parking strategy as set out in the Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3).

4. Next Steps - possible next steps for the committee to consider e.g. potential witnesses, further report, site visit etc.

It was intended to have a draft strategy for Cabinet to consider in January 2012, this will now need to be rescheduled whilst a broader engagement and consultation takes place with a number of key stakeholders and adjoining district councils.

Together with the County we are in the process of establishing a number of engagement sessions where we can consult with key stakeholders and the broader community in developing the localised plan.

It is important that members are involved in this process through the member working group as part of the ongoing development of Cheltenham's Parking Strategy.

Appendix	A. Towards Cheltenham Parking Strategy
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