

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	Cabinet
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Residents Parking Policy Update
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR Keogh</b> <b>CABINET MEMBER FOR Transport &amp; District Regeneration</b>

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**STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY – NOT APPLICABLE**

**BRIEF SUMMARY**

The Residents Parking Policy (2014) is the framework for implementing, amending, or removing parking restrictions in residential areas (Outside the City Centre). Following a review by officers an update is proposed and recommended for approval.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

	(i)	To approve the publication and implementation of the 'Residents Parking Policy – 2022' Update provided in Appendix 1, which amends the existing policy to incorporate the recommended key policy changes.
	(ii)	To approve the recommended key policy changes as summarised in Appendix 2.

**REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.	The updated policy document provides clearer formatting of policy and processes involved in requesting, consulting and implementing proposed parking restrictions in residential areas.
2.	The key policy updates and the reasons given are listed in the table found in Appendix 2.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

3.	Do-Nothing – Leaving the policy as it is. This was rejected by officers following a review of the existing policy. Instead, the amendments listed above have been made to better reflect how the policy is interpreted in practice and provide greater clarity of the process involved, particularly in dealing with the numerous requests received for new parking restrictions and for introducing residents parking permit schemes.
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<b>DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)</b>	
4.	The existing Residents Parking Policy (2014) has been reviewed by officers from the Transport Policy team, Balfour Beatty highways management colleagues and the councils Parking Services team. Overall, the policy works well in defining the key challenges faced in managing the highway outside the city centre, in terms of officer resource in addressing concerns around unsafe/obstructive parking, excess resident parking, and excess non-resident commuter parking.
5.	Following the review of the policy, some minor amendments have been made to better reflect how the policy is interpreted in practice and provide greater clarity of the process involved, particularly in dealing with the numerous requests received for new parking restrictions and for introducing residents parking permit schemes.
6.	The policy document has been reformatted to ensure the different aspects of implementing parking restrictions are considered separately and in the order by which residents permit schemes are requested, community support considered, designed, consulted on and implemented.
7.	The Cabinet Member for Transport and District Regeneration has been briefed on the proposed changes.
8.	All Members have been briefed by email on key changes and by notice of this report. The main principles of the existing Residents Parking Policy (2014) have been maintained in the update. The updated policy provides greater clarity of the policy and process in place for implementing new parking restrictions. All members have been consulted on the update and no objections have been raised. Any new parking restrictions proposed are still subject to the requisite Traffic Regulation Order, public consultation and ESIA, before a formal decision is made by the Highway Authority.
9.	Officer resource is needed in reviewing and updating policy, which is already catered for within existing base budget. The updated policy has no direct capital or revenue implications for most proposed changes, however some amendments, for example around sustainable transport, may impact slightly on the associated costs and revenues of any future proposed scheme. The implications of any individual proposal would be considered as part of the relevant decision-making process.
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Capital/Revenue</u></b>	
10.	None
<b><u>Property/Other</u></b>	
11.	Not Applicable – the policy is concerned with the Highway Authority and its managing of the Highway, under the statutory powers detailed in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></b>	

12.	Southampton City Council is the local Highway Authority and the Traffic Authority for the City and as such has the powers to implement Traffic Regulation Orders and other associated Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Council is required to exercise its functions under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and implement restrictions for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road for preventing the likelihood of any such danger rising (i.e. to improve safety); for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians) (i.e. to maintain access and/or to reduce congestion) and for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs. The Policy provides a framework within which these powers are exercised on a day to day basis but does not preclude using these powers where it is reasonable, on a case by case basis and where reasonable in all the circumstances, to depart from policy where this is justified.
13.	The Council has the power to give effect to the proposals in accordance with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.
<b><u>Other Legal Implications:</u></b>	
14.	In preparing and determining the policy updates set out in this report, the Council is required to have regard to the provisions of Equalities legislation (Equality Act 2010), the Human Rights Act 1998 and s.17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (the duty to have regard to the need to remove or reduce crime and disorder in the area). The Equality Act considerations are detailed in Members Room Document 3 – ESIA.
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</b>	
15.	Parking Restrictions being opposed / challenged – the main principles of the existing Residents Parking Policy (2014) have been maintained in the update. The updated policy provides greater clarity of the policy and process in place for implementing new parking restrictions. All members have been consulted on the update and no objections have been raised. Any new parking restrictions proposed are still subject to the requisite Traffic Regulation Order and public consultation before a formal decision is made by the Highway Authority.
16	An Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) has been drafted (Members Room Document 3). An ESIA is also carried out for each decision on implementing new parking restrictions in the city. This provides detail for the mitigations in place to reduce risks presented by proposing and implementing any new parking restrictions.
<b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>	
17.	The Local Transport Plan (LTP4) Connected Southampton 2040 is the umbrella transport planning document for the city. A series of themed Mode or Place Supporting Plans that support the Transport Strategy to provide more detail on how we would deliver in these areas to support the overall Connected Southampton approach. This will cover areas such as Cycling, Walking, Parking, Public Transport, Connected-

	<p>Intelligent Transport Systems, Inclusive Transport, Asset Management, the City Centre, Local Neighbourhoods or Economic Hubs.</p> <p>The LTP4 highlights the need for measures to manage who and when can use kerbside space on the highway. These could include single yellow lines, double yellow lines, loading bays, on street Pay and Display parking bays and residents parking (permit holder) schemes. Councils are obliged to consult with local residents and other relevant road users before introducing controlled parking or residents' parking schemes. This will normally involve conducting local parking surveys to measure stress on the local road network.</p> <p>The updated Residents Parking Policy outlines the necessary design and legal processes involved in implementing these measures.</p>

<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	All	
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>		
<b>Appendices</b>		
1.	Residents Parking Policy – 2022 Update	
2.	Summary of Changes - Residents Parking Policy 2022 Update	

**Documents In Members' Rooms**

1.	ESIA	
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>		
<b>Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.</b>		<b>Yes</b>
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>		
<b>Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.</b>		<b>No</b>
<b>Other Background Documents</b> Other Background documents available for inspection at:		
<b>Title of Background Paper(s)</b>	<b>Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)</b>	
1.	None	