

Agenda Item 7



Policy and Scrutiny

Open Report on behalf of Andy Gutherson, Executive Director - Place

Report to:	Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee
Date:	20 January 2020
Subject:	Lincolnshire Residents' Parking Policy and Parking Review in Grantham

Summary:

This report considers the provision of various types of parking restrictions within Grantham and their current suitability to support a vibrant town centre. The report focuses on the need to survey and review town centre parking provision, including measuring the suitability of access for residents, visitors and businesses.

It may be that as part of the solution to some of the parking issues the need for Resident Parking Schemes could be considered. Therefore a proposed countywide Residents Parking Policy document has been drafted to enable the Council to widen its offer of parking solutions.

Actions Required:

- (1) To consider the attached decision on the Lincolnshire Residents Parking Policy and Parking Review in Grantham and to determine whether the Committee supports the recommendations to the Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport and IT.
- (2) To agree any additional comments to be passed to the Executive Councillor in relation to the Lincolnshire Residents Parking Policy and Parking Review in Grantham.

1. Background

Residents Parking Scheme

Representations have been made to carry out a review of the availability of parking for residents adjacent to Kings School, Grantham railway station and Castlegate. These areas are affected by commuter parking during the week, making parking for local residents problematical. The review would examine parking patterns in the 3 areas, kerb usage and the availability of off-street parking, including driveways and car parks. The review would also examine traffic flows and the suitability of the current parking restrictions.

Town Centre On-Street Parking

Requests for residents parking should not be considered in isolation. There may be other measures that can help alleviate congestion and improve end of journey options for the public which would lessen the demand on kerb space in residential areas. A survey of parking supply and potential changes to parking regulations would be advantageous when shaping the options to be put forward for consultation. The survey results would also be useful when fed into the overall work undertaken by the Grantham Transport Board to inform the Grantham Transport Strategy.

2. Conclusion

Changes to shopping habits, mobility and commuting patterns place a heavy burden on the ability of the Council to provide up-to-date parking provisions and solutions without incurring costs. Using the Parking Account reserve to carry out a review of parking and traffic flows will better inform the decisions to be made to alleviate traffic and parking pressures on both High Street areas and where affected, residential areas.

Adding the ability to invoke Resident Parking Schemes across the county adds to the Council's range of options to aid residents faced with overcrowded kerbside parking and helps contribute to a better quality of life.

3. Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?

Yes

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

The review of parking and the adoption of a Resident Parking Scheme Policy are continuations of the implementation of Civil Parking Enforcement and covered by the risk and impact analysis carried out when the Council adopted the powers under the Traffic Management Act 2004.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix 1	Report to Executive Member for Highways, Transport and IT – Lincolnshire Residents Parking Policy and Parking Review in Grantham.

5. Background Papers

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