

**Argyll and Bute Council**  
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**SUPPLEMENTARY PACK**

**OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE - CORRAN HALLS, OBAN on WEDNESDAY,  
14 JUNE 2017 at 10:30 AM.**

I refer to the above meeting and enclose herewith agenda items 7(a) Traffic and Parking Update and 7(b) Refuse Collection and Cleaning within the Public Realm which were marked on the main agenda pack as "to follow".

Douglas Hendry  
Executive Director of Customer Services

**"TO FOLLOW" ITEMS**

**7. REPORTS FOR NOTING**

- (a) TRAFFIC AND PARKING UPDATE (Pages 1 - 12)

Report by Head of Roads and Amenity Services

- (b) REFUSE COLLECTION AND CLEANING WITHIN THE PUBLIC REALM  
(Pages 13 - 16)

Report by Head of Roads and Amenity Services

**Oban Lorn & The Isles Area Committee**

Councillor Mary-Jean Devon  
Councillor Jim Lynch  
Councillor Julie McKenzie  
Councillor Andrew Vennard

Councillor Kieron Green  
Councillor Roderick McCuish  
Councillor Elaine Robertson (Chair)  
Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor (Vice-Chair)

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**TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND PARKING REVIEW UPDATE  
OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 In May 2014 the Council took on the responsibility for enforcing parking restrictions across Argyll and Bute. By assuming this responsibility we are able to ensure effective traffic management in our town centres. This is known as decriminalised parking enforcement (DPE).
- 1.2 This move was as a result of Police Scotland no longer employing traffic wardens.
- 1.3 Effective traffic management has a number of benefits, including supporting the local economy by ensuring parking turnover, safeguarding access for blue badge holders, for deliveries, for loading and for emergency vehicles as well as ensuring road safety by managing inconsiderate and irresponsible parking.
- 1.4 Our amenity wardens patrol all areas of Argyll and Bute where parking restrictions are in force. These include, but are not limited to, areas with yellow lines, pay and display bays, loading and unloading areas, disabled bays, limited waiting areas and off-street parking areas.
- 1.5 Following a reasonable bedding-in period for DPE it was always intended to carry out a parking review across the Council area; this is the process we are currently going through.
- 1.6 A member workshop has been held where the scope of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles parking review was discussed. A public consultation exercise was carried out which included public meetings in Oban on 2nd July 2015.
- 1.7 Following this consultation exercise officers have developed parking proposals for Oban, Lorn and the Isles. It was agreed with members that officers could begin the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process following a meeting on 9 November 2016.
- 1.8 This report details the current position of the TROs for Oban and Lorn.

### Summary

It is expected that the TROs will go to public advert mid-July 2017.

The proposals are:

- On-street parking
  - Introduce first 30 minute free to George Street (A85 Trunk), Corran Esplanade (A85 Trunk), William Street, Queens Park Place and Argyll Square (Nancy Blacks);
  - To provide additional on street parking provision and offset the loss of income from the above, introduce on-street parking charges on Gallanach Road (Sailing Club to Brandy Rock) and Corran Esplanade (from Glenrigh to War Memorial).
- Off-street parking - Introduce the following to Ganavan, Lochavullin and Longsdale (Atlantis) car parks:
  - All year charging;
  - First two hours free, standard charges thereafter;
  - Mon-Sat, 09.00 to 18.00;
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### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Members endorse the progression of the following proposals through the Traffic Regulation Order process:

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## **2.0 INTRODUCTION**

This report provides a summary of the parking review process to date. The report also provides an overall programme for the implementation of any changes to the current arrangements and the associated statutory consultation process.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

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## **4.0 DETAIL**

### Parking Review

4.1. Members will be aware that a review of car parking throughout Argyll and Bute is currently being progressed. This process involved holding a series

of workshops with Members and Officers to discuss the provision of parking in all four administrative areas of Argyll and Bute. Following the workshops an informal public consultation was carried out on a series of draft parking proposals prior to member approval. This will be followed by a statutory consultation process on any changes to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders.

4.2. The Process for the Oban, Lorn & the Isles is summarised as follows:-

- *Member Workshop.*
- *Public consultation exercise.*
- *Report to the Area Committee with a list of proposals for statutory consultation. (Any changes to charges which reduce income to be reported to the EDI Committee in line with the Council's parking policy).*
- *Advertise drafts of any TROs as part of the statutory consultation process.*
- *Representations considered by Area Committee.*
- *Finally, consideration will be given to any representations received and Traffic Regulation Orders will be progressed as part of the legal process.*

*The process is currently moving toward bullet point four above.*

4.3. Following implementation of any changes, a review will be carried out to ensure any alterations have had a positive effect.

The parking reviews are being undertaken in line with the Council's Parking Policy Framework which seeks to:

- *Improve road safety for all road users.*
- *Improve traffic management to reduce pollution, conserve fossil fuels, contribute to sustainable development and reduce the environmental impact that multiple motor vehicles have.*
- *Ensure that all adopted measures contribute positively towards the economic viability of our towns. Including suspension of charges for specific events aimed at encouraging economic and community growth; such as Festivals.*
- *Encourage modal shift to non-car enabled journeys with a view to reducing the amount of space in our town centres occupied by parked vehicles.*
- *Ensure adequate provision is maintained for disabled drivers, whose dependence on cars is often critical to their quality of life.*

- *Encourage the use of peripheral parking areas away from town centres and the use of park & ride where practical.*
- *Establish and exercise a consistent approach to parking provision across Argyll and Bute.*

4.4. The overall financial impact of the proposals in this report cannot be quantified at this time, however, the implications are, broadly speaking, expected to be cost neutral but would need monitored to manage within the overall budget. This would include a review of parking management at the end of 2018, or earlier should cost pressures become apparent.

4.5. We have completed Consultation 1 & 2 and are now preparing the TROs and associated plans to allow us to move to public advert. During the public advert phase, members of the public and any other interested party can submit objections to the proposals. If the objections are maintained, the representations will be presented to the Area Committee for consideration.

4.6. It is expected that the TRO will go to public advert mid-July 2017.

4.7. The proposals are as follows:

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## **5.0 CONCLUSION**

This report provides an update to Members on traffic management issues and the ongoing parking review in Oban, Lorn & the Isles. The overall financial impact of the proposals are expected to be broadly cost neutral but will need to be monitored to manage within the overall budget. This may include a review of parking management at the end of 2018, or earlier should cost pressures become apparent.

## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy	Parking Policy 2014
6.2 Financial	Any physical work required to be carried out on the road network, i.e. signing and lining will be funded by the roads revenue budget. Car parking revenues are budgeted as income, the implications above are expected to be broadly cost neutral but would need to be monitored to manage within overall budget. This would include a review of parking management at the end of 2018, or earlier should cost pressures become apparent.
6.3 Legal	Traffic Regulation Orders will be implemented as necessary.
6.4 HR	None
6.5 Equalities	None
6.6 Risk	Safer roads for all road users.
6.7 Customer Service	None

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## APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 - additional on-street parking locations
- Appendix 2 – off-street car parks subject to change

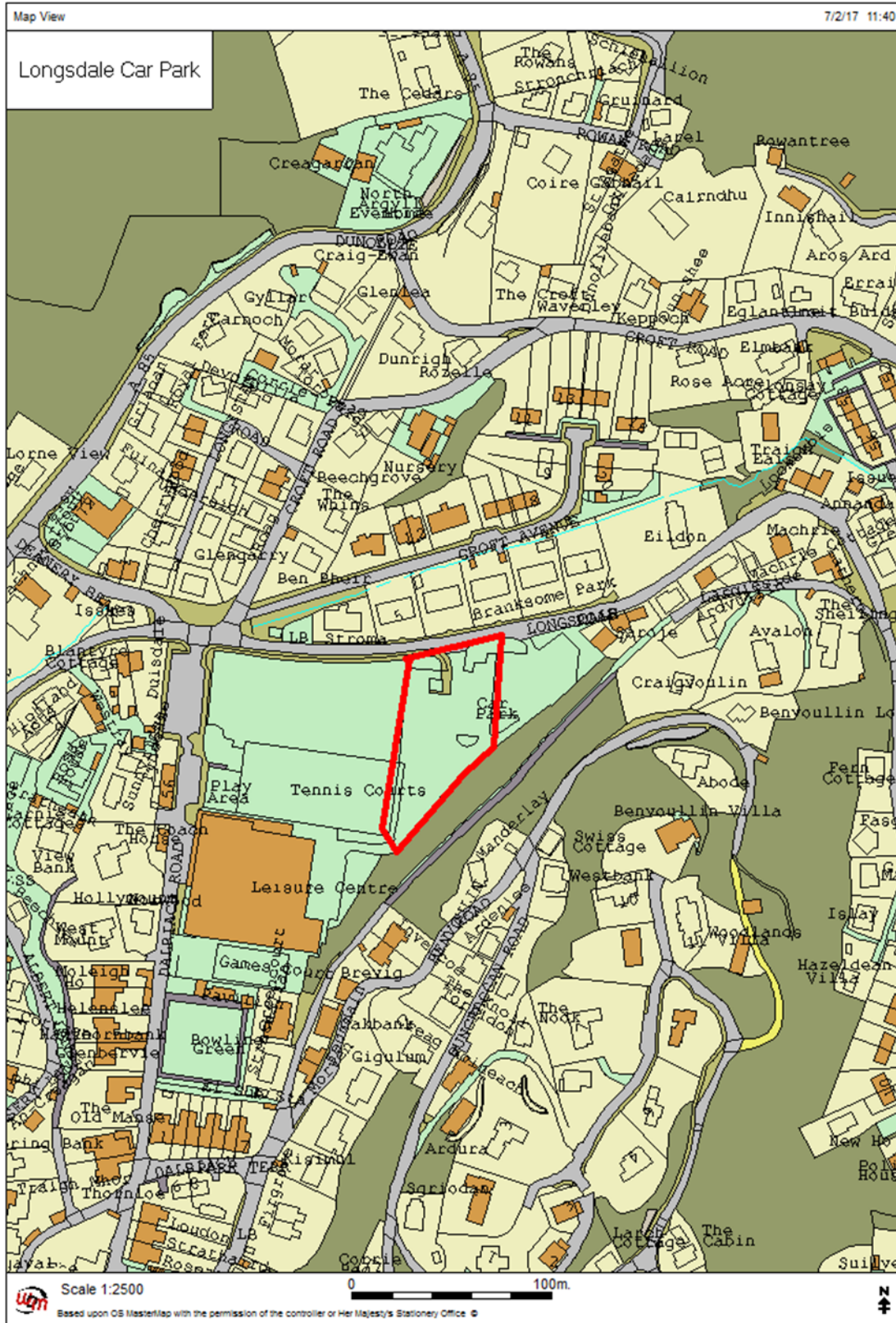


Appendix 1

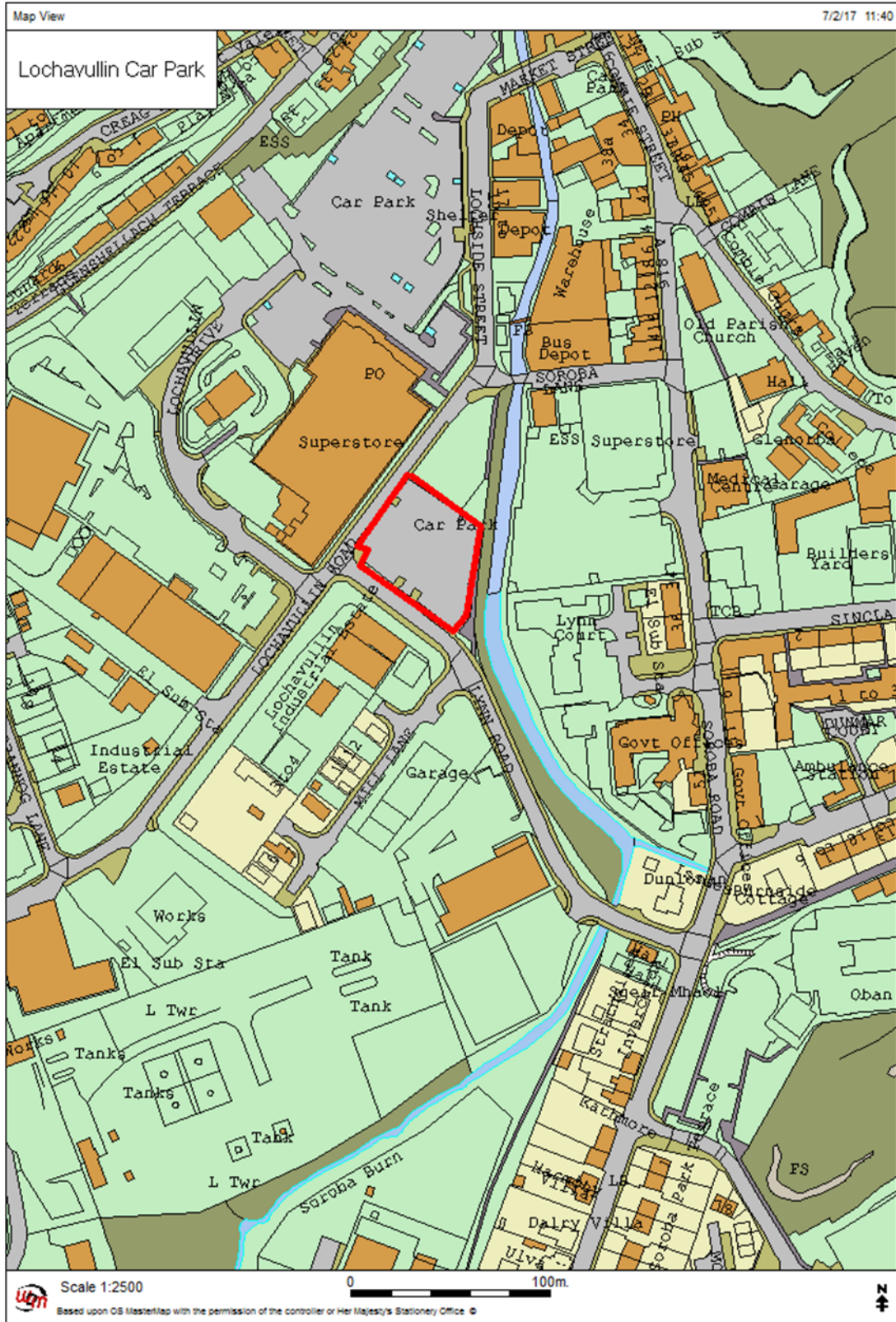




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**BRIEFING NOTE STREET CLEANING AND REFUSE COLLECTION – OBAN  
TOWN CENTRE**

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**1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 This briefing note confirms the operational arrangements in place for street cleansing and refuse collection in Oban.

**2.0 DETAIL**

**Street Sweeping and Cleansing**

- 2.1 At present there are three members of staff undertaking street sweeping duties in the Oban area. The shift patterns and a general overview of their duties are summarised below:-
- Sweeper 1 works from Monday to Thursday 07:00 to 15:00 Friday 07:00 to 14:30. Work schedule involves first part of the day Patrol Sweeping - this involves the sweeper brushing and picking areas that have excessive areas of litter/debris and litter picking between these areas not brushed. Time spent in Town Centre area is approximately 4 to 5 hours per day between 07:30 to 14:00. The remainder of the time is spent on litter picking round high school area.
  - Sweeper 2 works from Wednesday to Saturday 07:00 to 15:00 Sunday 07:00 to 14:30. Work schedule includes Wednesday to Friday within the town centre for period of 2 to 3 hours between 07:30 to 11:30 thereafter working in residential areas within Oban. On Saturday and Sunday 4 to 5 hours between 07:30 to 14:00 within town centre then as directed by the supervisor. This includes working outside Oban litter picking laybys and Ganavan.
  - Sweeper 3 works from Friday to Tuesday 08:00 to 16:00 Wednesday 08:00 to 15:30. Town Centre working 2 to 3 hours per day with a last visit through the town between 14:00 and 15:30. The remainder of the time spent cleaning residential areas and litter hot spots in town as directed by the supervisor.
- 2.2 The hours spent within the town centre area may vary between summer and winter season, depending on demands in the town and surrounding area.

- 2.3 The mechanical sweeper, the green machine, was lost in the Mill Park Depot fire last year. The previous supplier is no longer operating in the UK and as a result it is proving difficult to source a like for like replacement. Officers are currently in the process of procuring an alternative mechanical sweeper to use in the Oban area.
- 2.4 Power washing provision is also available to treat significant surface staining. However, frequent power washing is not recommended as this could have an adverse impact on jointing mortar which would be detrimental to the paving's integrity. Jet washing will remove most stains and will clean the paving but stone paving will 'dull' down over time and some stains will penetrate into the material. This will result in some staining and discolouring of the material as part of the natural ageing process. It is encouraging to note that the various traders who use public spaces for serving food/beverage continue to play their part in tidying their immediate area which adds to the partnership approach of keeping the town clean and tidy for residents and visitors to enjoy.

### **Litter Bins**

- 2.5 During low season the Towns litter bins are serviced 5 times per week on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. In high season this increases to 7 times per week with the two additional collections being on Tuesday and Thursday. Since the completion of the public realm works and new bins being installed (which have flaps to deter scavenging gulls) there have been no reported instances of bins overflowing. Bins and street cleanliness will be monitored. If necessary adjustments to scheduling will be considered providing the overall service can continue to be delivered within available budget.
- 2.6 There is some limited anecdotal evidence to suggest that commercial fly tipping has been taking place in some of the on street bins. Businesses are required by law to have an auditable arrangement for the disposal of their trade. This will be monitored by our environmental wardens and any necessary action taken.

### **3.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 **Policy** - Street sweeping policy was established through Service Choices as part of the 2016 budget process.
- 3.2 **Financial** - Through budget reduction and the Service Choices process street cleansing was reduced by 25% last financial year.
- 3.3 **Legal** – None known
- 3.4 **HR** – None known
- 3.5 **Equalities** – None known



3.6 **Risk** – None known

3.7 **Customer Service** – None known

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