

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

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:

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 - All year charging;
 - First two hours free, standard charges thereafter;
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RECOMMENDATIONS

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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.

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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