

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND PARKING REVIEW UPDATE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In May 2014 Argyll and Bute Council were given approval from Scottish Government to implement Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) . This means that Council Officers can issue penalty charge notices (PCNs) for any parking contravention on the road, as well as in off street council car parks covered with a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). Many of Argyll and Bute Councils TROs go back several years, some decades. Given the introduction of DPE and the introduction by the Council of a Parking Policy last year, now is the ideal time to review parking which is being carried out to each of the 4 areas.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members note this report and agree to an informal consultation document being produced and circulated to Community Councils and other stakeholders.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This report provides a summary of the issues raised at the parking workshop for Bute and Cowal held on 15 January 2015.
- 2.2 This report also provides an update for the recently introduced measures at Kilbride Road, Dunoon.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members note this report and agree to an informal consultation document being produced and circulated to Community Councils and other stakeholders.

4.0 DETAIL

4.1 Parking Review:–

4.1.1 Parking demand changes over time as traffic behavior alters; influences include - population variation / shopping demand / inter-relationship with other forms of transport – buses, ferries etc. etc. A review at this time is therefore considered to be appropriate, particularly given the recent introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE). In addition, there is considered to be a need to standardize waiting and parking regulations throughout Argyll and Bute to meet the needs of the people.

4.1.2 A review of car parking, throughout Argyll and Bute, is currently being progressed. This process involves holding a series of workshop meetings, with Members and Officers, to discuss local parking-related issues in all four areas of Argyll and Bute. The review will also enable a draft list of proposals to be compiled ahead of any informal consultation.

4.1.3 At the Bute and Cowal car-parking workshop in January, various aspects of parking in the area were discussed, both on-street and off-street parking. Parking provision and related demand was considered in some detail - provision at ferries for commuters was identified as a high priority; parking provision adjacent to ferry terminals in Dunoon and Rothesay will therefore be examined as a priority. The workshop was held under the framework of the Councils parking policy approved last year.

4.1.4 Based upon information discussed with Members at the workshop and any additional comments recorded through this meeting a detailed consultation leaflet with detailed plans will be produced and circulated to Members in the very near future. The leaflet will then be forwarded to Community Councils and other stakeholders for comment. These comments will be reported back to Area Committee and once a detailed list of proposals has been agreed a formal TRO consultation will be carried out.

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

4.2 Kilbride Road Traffic Calming:-

4.2.1 Kilbride Road is now part of the recently introduced Glenmorag 'Twenty's Plenty' scheme. At locations where there is no available footway or refuge for pedestrians, advance warning signs have been erected advising motorists of pedestrians on the carriageway.

4.2.2 The new scheme will be monitored. It is also proposed to make this scheme the subject of further discussion with Members at the forthcoming car-parking review workshop in April.

5.0 CONCLUSION

This report provides an update to Members on traffic management issues and the on-going parking review in Bute and Cowal.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

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| 6.1 | Policy | Parking Policy 2014 |
| 6.2 | Financial | Any physical work required to be carried out on the roads network, i.e. signing and lining, will be funded by the roads revenue budget. |
| 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 | CS | None |

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