

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND PARKING REVIEW UPDATE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A report was presented to Members at the April Area Committee to provide some background information in relation to the parking review process and a further update provided to the May Business Day meeting. This report confirms details of the issues put forward at the parking review workshop for the Oban, Lorn and The Isles Area held earlier in the year; it also provides an overall programme for the review and consultation process.

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 in each of the four areas.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members note this report and approve consultation to Community Councils and stakeholders.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

This report provides a summary of the various issues raised by Members at the parking review workshop held earlier this year; it also provides an overall programme for the parking review and consultation process.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members note this report and approve consultation to Community Councils and stakeholders.

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 workshop meetings, with Members and Officers, to discuss local parking-related issues in all four areas of Argyll and Bute.

4.2 At the Oban, Lorn and The Isles car-parking workshop held earlier this year, 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. The workshop was held under the framework of the Councils parking policy approved last year.

4.3 The overall parking review programme is as follows:-

- This report contains a list of proposals for consultation in the attached appendix.
- With Members' approval, a consultation document, outlining proposals, will be produced and circulated to Members prior to it being widely distributed to the public seeking views. The leaflet will also be forwarded to Community Councils and other stakeholders for comment.
- Following the consultation process, a final report will be presented to the October Area Committee with returned comments and recommendations.
- Finally, traffic orders will be processed as part of the legal process.

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

5.0 CONCLUSION

This report provides an update to Members on traffic management issues and the on-going parking review in Oban, Lorn and The Isles.

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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Appendix 1 – Draft list of parking proposals discussed at the Working Group Meeting.

Appendix

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Parking Proposals for Consultation:-

- On street charges to be amended to enable part hour payments to be made (same hourly rate but payment available in 15 min increments).
- Model cost implications of reversing Sunday charging – make free on street and charge off street up to 1200 noon to make it attractive for vehicles to be left on street, in bays, Saturday night for collection later Sunday.
- Permits for district nurses – issue only to NHS cars with condition that they are on duty and requiring to park. Permits to be offered at a charge to cover administration.
- Tobermory and Fionnphort - off street car parks to be proposed as charging – additional demand following RET therefore need to better manage parking on Mull to ensure turnover of spaces. Fionnphort car park to be extended subject to available land.
- 13 new parking machines are being installed as part of a rolling programme.
- Revise the parking restrictions at Lochavullin car park to 4 hours free, no return in 24 hours (currently 24 hour free). This has been proposed to create a turnover in parking provision.
- Car park at Atlantis Leisure – time limit to restrict medium to long term parking. Public access road to have the single yellow upgraded to double yellow.