



Report of the Director of Development

Scrutiny Board (Development)

Date: 24th April 2007

Subject: TOWN AND DISTRICT CENTRE CAR PARKING STRATEGIES

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Executive Summary

This report details the work being undertaken to develop a framework to set the priorities and guide the future development of parking strategies for town and district centres.

A study has been commissioned and is now in progress to conduct an appraisal of the 28 town and district centres identified in the Leeds Unitary Development Plan.

The study will identify recommendations as to which centres should receive priority for further detailed work to develop specific strategies and their associated packages of highway measures.

The final study report is expected to be completed by the end of May this year.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 This report updates Members on ongoing town and district centre car parking.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 A detailed report concerning the future approach to the development of car parking policy and strategies for town and district centres was approved by the Executive Board at its 20 September 2006 meeting.

2.2 This report secured approval to commence work to develop a strategy framework and establish priorities for future work to develop detailed local parking strategies..

2.3 The basis for the review is the 28 town and district centres identified in the Unitary Development Plan.

3.0 Main Issues

- 3.1 A town and district centres parking study was commissioned in February 2007 with the purpose of:
- Developing a framework to assess the parking issues and needs of town and district centres.
 - Provide advice and recommendations as to which centres should be given priority for the preparation of strategies and identification of measures.
- 3.2 At this stage the work is not intended to make detailed recommendations for individual centres, but to provide the basis for prioritising and targeting future resources to the development of future schemes.
- 3.3 The study which is based on the principles set out to the Executive Board and guidance provided by the Institute of Highways and Transportation and will form the basis for discussion with Members, area management and local stakeholders.
- 3.4 This report is due to be completed by the end of May 2007. A report to Executive Board will then be prepared to set out the findings and recommendations for future action.

4 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

- 4.1 The development of local parking strategies is consistent with the objectives of the West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan 2006-11 and with the Council's corporate policies.
- 4.2 Any detailed scheme proposals arising from this work will be the subject of separate reports and funding approvals.

5 Legal And Resource Implications

- 5.1 The cost for undertaking the aforementioned study is being met from the Transport Policy budget. Any further financial implications arising from the final study report and recommendations, including those relating to specific locations and the preparation of schemes, will be reported to the Director of Development and as required to the Executive Board.

6 Conclusions

- 6.1 This report and the attached Executive Board report have outlined the approach being followed to support the future development of policy and parking strategies for the town and district centres.

7 Recommendations

- 7.1 Members are requested to note, comment and support the general approach adopted by the Executive Board.

8 Background information

- 8.1 The following document provides background information to this report: Car parking strategy in town and district centres, report to Executive Board, 20 September 2006.