

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
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PART I **FOR COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION**

TOWN CENTRE CAR PARKING TASK & FINISH GROUP – UPDATE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to update the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the progress made regarding the recommendations of the Town Centre Car Parking Task & Finish Group. The Group's recommendations were approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 3rd March 2015, and discussed by Cabinet on 22nd June 2015.

2. **Recommendation**

That the update be noted.

3. **The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan**

3a. **Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities**

These recommendations relate to the following priority:

- Economy and Skills
- Regeneration and Environment

3b. **Five Year Plan Outcomes**

These recommendations relate to the following priority:

- The centre of Slough will be vibrant, providing business, living, and cultural opportunities

4. **Other Implications**

(a) **Financial**

The potential hire of external parking facilities may have financial consequences, as may any alterations to charging regimes. The overall parking strategy may have indirect impacts on the local economy and footfall in Slough town centre.

(b) **Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications**

There are no human rights act or other legal implications arising as a direct result of this report.

5 Supporting Information

5.1 The recommendations adopted by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee were as follows, along with their current status:

1. That the current policy of zero parking be reviewed, with a future ratio to be specified subject to further research by Slough Borough Council (SBC) and justification.
To be taken forward as part of the review of the Local Plan
2. That the potential hire of, or use of parking permits with time restrictions in neighbouring parking facilities (e.g. Tesco car park) be researched.
Officers reported final response to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 9th July 2015
3. That the time restrictions on areas with single yellow lines be reduced to 6pm in suitable areas (subject to research by SBC).
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4. That land adoption be used to increase SBC's control of parking (e.g. Kittiwake House, the area in Mill Street outside Foundry Court).
Recommendation approved by Cabinet
5. that the current limit of 5,000 parking spaces be reviewed, using the justification for it at the time of its creation and variations in the situation since this time (e.g. parking at Tesco's, Crossrail) to reappraise the figure.
To be taken forward as part of the review of the Local Plan
6. that the parking at Slough railway station be removed from SBC's allocation of parking spaces.
No further immediate action to be taken
7. that the potential expansion of car parking facilities at Slough railway station be investigated.
Officers reported final response to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 9th July 2015
8. that the size of loading and unloading bays be reviewed to facilitate their use by larger vehicles.
Recommendation approved by Cabinet
9. that further research be conducted into the continuation of free parking after 3pm, or cheaper parking through the use of a 'Slough Card', with a view to a potential increase in high street trade.
No further immediate action to be taken

5.2 As a result, this report will focus on the progress made on recommendations 1, 4, 5 and 8. The information in the following sections will provide the latest information on actions taken since the Cabinet meeting on 22nd June 2015.

- 5.3 That the current policy of zero parking be reviewed, with a future ratio to be specified subject to further research by Slough Borough Council (SBC) and justification.
To be taken forward as part of the review of the Local Plan
- 5.4 That land adoption be used to increase SBC's control of parking (e.g. Kittiwake House, the area in Mill Street outside Foundry Court).
Consideration will only be given to adopting land if it is in the public interest and subject to going maintenance costs.
- 5.5 That the current limit of 5,000 parking spaces be reviewed, using the justification for it at the time of its creation and variations in the situation since this time (e.g. parking at Tesco's, Crossrail) to reappraise the figure.
To be taken forward as part of the review of the Local Plan
- 5.6 That the size of loading and unloading bays be reviewed to facilitate their use by larger vehicles.
A review to be undertaken in 2016/2017 for all loading bays.

6 **Conclusion**

The Committee is requested to decide on any future steps that need to be taken in enforcing or monitoring the recommendations.

7 **Appendices**

None.

8 **Background Papers**

'1' - Agenda papers and minutes, Cabinet (22nd June 2015)