



**REPORTS FOR DECISION BY THE
CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT**

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MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Report prepared by Steve Goulette
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1. **PARK & RIDE ESTABLISHMENT AND THE INTRODUCTION OF CCTV MONITORING.**
- 1.1 **Issue for Decision**
- 1.1.1 To consider the recommendations made by the Regeneration and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding customer satisfaction, CCTV and sustainable Park & Ride funding.
- 1.2 **The Recommendation of the Assistant Director of Environmental Services**
- 1.2.1 That the Cabinet Member agrees that the responses identified in the report be sent to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.3 **Reasons for Recommendation**
- 1.3.1 On 14th April 2009, officers attended the meeting of the Regeneration and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to present an update on proposed changes to the Park & Ride establishment and the introduction of CCTV monitoring.
- 1.3.2 The Committee raised questions with officers on a number of matters and made three specific recommendations which are provided in the Appendix to the report.
- 1.3.3 The recommendations relate to the concerns raised by the Committee in relation to maintaining customer service levels and the installation of CCTV to monitor security at each site. The Committee also urged Planning Policy to expedite the work on the sustainable funding of Park and Ride.

1.4 **Alternative Action and Why Not Recommended**

- 1.4.1 It would be possible to not respond to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's recommendations. Clearly this would not be a positive action from the Cabinet Member and is not recommended.

1.5 **Impact on Corporate Objectives**

- 1.5.1 Corporate objectives to improve access across the borough through better roads, public transport and services, directly relate to the services provided by Parking Services and the Park & Ride operation.

1.6 **Risk Management**

- 1.6.1 The recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee have no risk implications for the Council.

1.7 **Other Implications**

1.7.1

1. Financial
2. Staffing
3. Legal
4. Equality Impact Needs Assessment
5. Environmental/Sustainable Development
6. Community Safety
7. Human Rights Act
8. Procurement
9. Asset Management

X

Community Safety

- 1.7.2 The recommendation to report on the CCTV coverage and to monitor security will ensure a good level of community safety within each of the Park & Ride sites.

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Is this a Key Decision? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, when did it appear in the Forward Plan? _____

Is this an Urgent Key Decision? Yes ☐ No ☒

Reason for Urgency

[State why the decision is urgent and cannot wait until the next issue of the forward plan.]

How to Comment

Should you have any comments on the issue that is being considered please contact either the relevant Officer or the Member of the Executive who will be taking the decision.

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SCRUTINY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ACTION AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SCRAIP)

Committee: Regeneration and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting Date: 14 April 2009

Topic: Park and Ride Establishment and Park and Ride CCTV

Recommendation ⁱ	Cabinet Member ⁱⁱ	Response ⁱⁱⁱ	Timetable ^{iv}	Lead Officer ^v
a) A review of customer satisfaction, levels of crime and staffing arrangements, with regard to the new Park and Ride structure, be reported to the Committee six months after the implementation of the decision;	Environment	Agreed – existing monthly customer surveys will continue to monitor satisfaction levels and reported after six months of operation.	November 2009	J Kitson
b) An operational report on the Park and Ride CCTV camera coverage at each site be submitted to the Committee six months after the implementation of the decision; and	Environment	Agreed – CCTV coverage will be monitored and an operational report will be made available after six months of operation.	November 2009	C Stewart
a) Planning Policy be urged to expedite the work on the sustainable funding of Park and Ride.	Environment	The work on the allocation of sites and the structure of parking standards will be carried out as part of the development of the Local Development Framework .A revised LDS is being prepared and will be reported to Members in the near future .	Subject to LDS.	B Morgan

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1. **RESIDENTS PARKING AND MONITORING OF THE SCHEME**
- 1.1 **Issue for Decision**
- 1.1.1 To consider the recommendations made by the Regeneration and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding residents parking and monitoring of the scheme.
- 1.2 **The Recommendation of the Assistant Director of Environmental Services**
- 1.2.1 That the Cabinet Member agrees that the responses identified in the report be sent to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.3 **Reasons for Recommendation**
- 1.3.1 On 23rd April 2009, the Cabinet Member and officers attended the meeting of the Regeneration and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to respond to the call in regarding objections to traffic regulation orders for both on and off street parking.
- 1.3.2 The Committee raised questions on a number of matters and made four specific recommendations which are provided in the Appendix to the report.
- 1.3.3 The recommendations relate to ways that the Committee thought the administration and promotion of the scheme can be improved with additional monitoring within the north zones.
- 1.3.4 Not all the proposals are agreed. Investigating exemptions from parking permit charges for residents on income-based benefits will divert parking services away from the need to

process outstanding traffic orders and if implemented could adversely impact on income streams.

1.4 **Alternative Action and Why Not Recommended**

1.4.1 It would be possible to not respond to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's recommendations. Clearly this would not be a positive action from the Cabinet Member and is not recommended.

1.4.2 The request to investigate exemptions for residents receiving state benefits could be agreed but would prevent parking services staff undertaking other duties including the bringing forward of outstanding traffic orders.

1.5 **Impact on Corporate Objectives**

1.5.1 The recommendations agreed will assist in resolving identified parking problems and improve opportunities for residents to find a parking space, this is in accordance with the councils aims for quality living.

1.6 **Risk Management**

1.6.1 The recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee have no risk implications for the Council.

1.7 **Other Implications**

1.7.1

1. Financial
2. Staffing
3. Legal
4. Equality Impact Needs Assessment
5. Environmental/Sustainable Development
6. Community Safety
7. Human Rights Act
8. Procurement
9. Asset Management

X

Financial

- 1.7.2 The recommendation to investigate exemptions from parking permit charges for residents on income-based benefits could if implemented impact on the Parking Services budget.

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SCRUTINY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ACTION AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SCRAIP)

Committee: Regeneration and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting Date: 23 April 2009

Topic: Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders On- and Off-Street

Recommendation ⁱ	Cabinet Member ⁱⁱ	Response ⁱⁱⁱ	Timetable ^{iv}	Lead Officer ^v
That the Cabinet Member for Environment investigates the possibility of residents being able to park in all those Council car parks that are in the vicinity of their parking zones.	Environment	Agreed - Resident Parking permit holder parking concessions are already in place in many Pay & Display car parks between 18:30hrs and 08:00hrs. These concessions provide alternative free parking for residents in areas where parking problems have been identified. Mote Road - S1 permit holders Brunswick St - S2 permit holders Well Road - N2 permit holders Lucerne St - N3 permit holders Brunswick St E - N3 permit holders Union Street E&W - N4 permit holders Wheeler Street - N3 & N4 permit holders	Implemented	J Kitson
That the concessions for residents with parking permits be promoted.	Environment	Agreed – In addition to the information boards displayed within each car park, this information will also form part of the application/renewal documentation.	June 2009	J Kitson
That the decision on north zone migration be monitored and reviewed during the first six months of its implementation.	Environment	Agreed – Monitoring will take place during the first six months and will form part of a report from officers in the Autumn.	October 2009	J Kitson
That the Cabinet Member for	Environment	Not agreed – The processes required to		

Environment investigates the possibility of residents on income-based benefits being exempt from parking permit charges or charged a reduced rate.		investigate the possibility would place additional burden on current resource levels in the parking services team and delay outstanding traffic orders. In addition any such scheme if introduced would impact on parking budgets.		
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