

North East Derbyshire District Council

Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee

29 June 2022

Car Parking Update

Report of the Director of Growth & Assets

Classification: This report is public

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PURPOSE/SUMMARY

To provide an update to the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee on car parking.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee note the report.

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk

Yes ✓ **No**

Contained within the report

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal including Data Protection

Yes **No** ✓

None arising

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing

Yes **No** ✓

There are no staffing issues arising directly from this report.

On Behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: <i>BDC: Revenue - £75,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Capital - £150,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Capital - £250,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	N/A
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	N/A
Has the relevant Portfolio Holder been informed	N/A
District Wards Affected	All
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	All

REPORT DETAILS

1 Car Parking

- 1.1 At its last meeting the Committee received a verbal update on the Council's parking solutions. District Councils have no legal obligation to provide car parking, other than through the planning process for new homes. However, addressing parking issues on land within the Council's housing stock is good practice and a strategy to deal with such parking issues has recently been produced. This report provides further information on the progress with residential parking solutions on Council owned land for the Committee's information.
- 1.2 Lack of residential parking on Council owned estates has been an issue throughout the district for a number of years and with car ownership far exceeding the available parking on the majority of the Council's housing estates, there are increasing issues with accessibility, unsafe parking and access for service/emergency vehicles. There has been an historic lack of investment in parking and other infrastructure assets which will begin to be addressed through this parking strategy.
- 1.3 The Communities Scrutiny Committee recently made a number of recommendations in relation to parking solutions for residents including investigation of the effectiveness of using Grasscrete at suitable locations within the District to offer further parking opportunities for residents.

- 1.4 As part of the response to the Residential Parking Scrutiny Review, the Council began working on a strategy to improve residential parking. This was considered and agreed by Cabinet on 27 January 2022. The focus of the strategy at this stage is to identify priority areas through assessment against agreed criteria, then review after each phase. New priority areas identified will be assessed alongside those already on the list.
- 1.5 A budget of £288k per annum has been allocated in the HRA Capital Programme for residential parking solutions on the Council's estates. A set of criteria to rank the residential parking locations that would benefit from improvement work has been applied. The criteria is:

1. Vulnerable *, Council owned* and quick win*
2. Vulnerable and quick win
3. Vulnerable and council owned
4. Council owned and quick win
5. Only one criterion met

Definitions:

*Vulnerable – more than 50% of properties benefitting are either bungalows or ground floor flats. This approach may miss some properties that have been specifically adapted but is a good gauge.

*Council owned – over 50% of properties in the direct vicinity are owned by NEDDC

*Quick win – Can be carried out with minimal involvement from other Authorities or private landowners and do not need special permissions

- 1.6 Prior to the above criteria being agreed, a pilot project was established which aimed to provide parking solutions in three areas of the district - Holymoorside, Apperknowle and Kelstedge.
- 1.7 Following consultation at Holymoorside, the proposed solutions were not considered suitable to remedy the issues identified. The Apperknowle scheme has been granted planning permission and work is ongoing to discharge planning conditions. Part of the scheme requires approval from DCC so will be undertaken at a later date. The public consultation for the village wide scheme at Kelstedge was delayed due to Covid-19 and a revised date has not yet been provided.
- 1.8 In addition to the schemes identified, a trial project using grass protection matting was approved. Adlington Avenue, Wingerworth, was chosen as a viable site and agreed. If the trial is successful, other suitable sites will be identified and considered.
- 1.9 A working group has been established to prioritise areas for future consideration and this will be done on an annual basis whilst resources allow. Each year, new priority areas identified will be assessed alongside those already on the list and prioritised by the criteria set out above.
- 1.10 There are some learning points to be gained from the initial phase which need further consideration as the schemes progress alongside some consideration with regards to delivery capacity and ongoing maintenance costs/liabilities.

2 Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 To update the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee on the current position regards residential car parking on Council owned estates.

3 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 3.1 No alternative options, the report is for information only
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DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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