

North East Derbyshire District Council

Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee

28th September 2022

Car Parking Update

Report of the Director of Growth & Assets

Classification: This report is public.

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PURPOSE/SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to provide a further update to the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee on the Council's ongoing strategy for the provision HRA car parking schemes throughout the district.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee note the content of the report and the revised strategy/assessment criteria proposals.
2. That an annual update report shall be taken to Cabinet each financial year (commencing 2023/24) advising on the status of the programme and the proposed schemes to be brought forward for that year.

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk

Yes ✓ **No**

Contained within the report.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal including Data Protection

Yes

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 the last meeting on 29th June 2022 an update report was presented to the committee on the Council's ongoing proposals and developing strategy to bring forward a number of car-parking schemes across the district. A number of sites had previously been identified, and approved by Cabinet, to be brought forward to deliver various parking solutions at differing locations in the district.
- 1.2 The Committee raised issues around how the deliverability assessment of the sites was made and also the decision making process on which sites should be brought forward and in which order. The existing selection criteria was brought into question and considered to be too simplistic and committee also requested that a full list of the current proposed sites under consideration be provided.
- 1.3 This report now addresses the issues raised above, a revised assessment flowchart is attached in **Appendix (1)** and a full list of the sites currently under consideration is also attached in **Appendix (2)** in alphabetical order.
- 1.4 The amended flowchart process is now far more detailed than the previous and takes into consideration the views of the residents at an early stage. The number of HRA properties the proposed scheme would serve is also now a key consideration in the process, as the £288k annual budget is allocated from the HRA Capital Programme. Also, as requested by committee, the deliverability of the schemes will be phased over a 1-3 year period, rather than a 5-year programme that was originally proposed.

- 1.5 The full list of sites currently under consideration is provided in **Appendix (2)** and should the revised assessment criteria be approved is it proposed that the sites would be evaluated in accordance with the new process. They would then be ranked in order of deliverability, over the proposed 3-year period, and the schemes would progress on that basis. Should any new sites be put forward for consideration under the scheme, they would be assessed in accordance with the criteria and included on the list moving forward.
- 1.6 One of the key issues with the whole process is the obtaining of Planning Permission for the proposed car-parking schemes. Once a formal application is made for any fully designed scheme, the formal planning process sometimes raises a number of key development issues that need to be addressed before any scheme could commence on site. Some of which significantly impact on the viability of the scheme. The use of the pre-application planning process has been considered at an early stage of the site evaluation, however, the advice is focused around planning policy and not development control. Therefore, the detail of bringing forward a scheme at an early stage would still not be known and as such the use of this service has been discounted.
- 1.7 There are a number of learning outcomes and improvements that have been made in the process from the initial pilot and the first tranche of schemes identified under the original criteria. These are summarised as follows;
- Consultation should be carried out at an earlier stage to gauge the perceived need for parking with residents and their proprieties around e.g. green space and parking.
- The criteria has been strengthened and the minimum percentage of HRA properties within any scheme has been increased to 80%.
- More detailed design will be provided at initial planning submission stage to hopefully speed up the process and avoid planning conditions being imposed.
- 1.8 Once the refined criteria has been agreed, areas will be prioritised based on that criteria, scored accordingly and a programme devised covering years 1-3 will be developed based on the budget available. Each year, any new areas identified will be assessed alongside those already on the list and prioritised accordingly.

2. Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 To provide a further update to the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee on the current position regarding the residential car parking on Council owned estates.
- 2.2 It is also recommended that an annual update report (for information purposes only) shall be taken to Cabinet each financial year (commencing 2023/24) advising on the status of the programme and the proposed schemes to be brought forward for that year.

3. Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

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

Appendix No	Title
1.	Revised Flowchart Process (HRA Car-Parking Schemes)
2.	Full List of Proposed Sites (HRA Car-Parking Schemes)
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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