



## REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 17TH JULY 2012

**SUBJECT: REVIEW OF THE RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING POLICY**

**REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform members on the review of the Council's Resident Permit Parking Scheme and Policy and seek support for the recommended changes.

### **2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The Council's Resident Permit Parking scheme/policy was last reviewed and amended in 2006. Since then no new schemes have been implemented despite over 190 requests being received. The limit of one permit per property and insufficient provision for visitors and carers are considered to be the main constraints responsible for a lack of support of the scheme from residents.
- 2.2 Following a review of the current scheme/policy further changes are proposed to address these constraints and make the policy more fit for purpose and responsive to residents parking needs.

### **3. LINKS TO STRATEGY**

- 3.1 Engineering Services Objectives:-
- To work towards a safer environment through positive measures to reduce road accidents and particularly by protecting and providing for vulnerable road users.
  - To represent and safeguard highway users' interests against activities and development detrimental to users.
- 3.2 CCBC Strategic Equality Plan - outlines the Council's commitment to achieving equality within all aspects of our service delivery and in our employment practices.

### **4. THE REPORT**

#### **Current Policy**

- 4.1 The current resident permit parking scheme and policy was last reviewed in 2006 when the recommendations for changes were supported by the Regeneration Scrutiny committee and approved by Cabinet. This review seeks to address the significant drawbacks of the current scheme/policy that is considered to inhibit support by residents to progress new resident permit parking schemes.

4.2 All existing resident permit parking schemes within the borough were implemented before 2006. Over 190 requests have been received for new resident permit parking schemes since July 2006 but none have been progressed because of the significant drawbacks the policy is considered to have.

4.3 In response to requests for resident permit parking the requestor is given a copy of a briefing note that explains the issues and criteria of the current scheme/policy (attached as Appendix 1). The three main issues of the current scheme/policy that inhibit support from residents to progress a scheme are listed below:

- Only one permit per property can be issued.
- For each permit there is an administration charge of £30 per year.
- Visitors and carers are not adequately catered for.

### **Proposed Changes to the Scheme and Policy**

4.4 Appendix 2 includes a full list of the current scheme/policy criteria, the proposed amendments and a description of the benefits.

4.5 Schemes are limited to residential areas where at least 50% of properties are unable to provide reasonable off-street parking and that are immediately adjacent to major shopping centres, large employment sites, main interchanges and colleges (i.e. where there is the likelihood of demand/pressure from non-residential parking). No changes are proposed to this requirement.

## **5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 In accordance with the Council's Strategic Equality Plan An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken on this draft policy. It is attached as Appendix 3, and this EIA will also be published on the Council's website

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 None if the recommendations are supported.

## **7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 None.

## **8. CONSULTATIONS**

8.1 As listed below, all comments received have been considered and incorporated in the report.

8.2 In addition the Caerphilly Access Group has been consulted and are in favour of the proposals. The Caerphilly County Borough Disability Forum has also been consulted and their formal comments are awaited and will be reported to Committee.

## **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 That Members note and support the recommended changes to the Council's Resident Permit Parking scheme and policy detailed in Appendix 2, and ask Cabinet to approve them.

## 10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 To make the resident permit parking policy more fit for purpose and responsive to residents needs.

## 11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

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### Appendices

Appendix 1: Resident Permit Parking Scheme Briefing Note July 2008

Appendix 2: Proposed changes to the CCBC Resident Permit Parking scheme and policy

Appendix 3: Equality Impact Assessment

**Background Papers:** Regeneration Scrutiny Committee report 27 July 2006 - Resident Parking Scheme Review.