



ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 19TH JULY 2023

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE TASK AND FINISH REVIEW OF THE
RESIDENTS' PARKING POLICY**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE
SERVICES**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members of the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee on the Task and Finish inquiry into the potential implications of changes to the current Residents' Parking Policy.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 At a meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee held on 6th October 2022 Committee Members agreed that a Task and Finish inquiry into the potential implications of changes to the current Residents' Parking Policy be carried out.
- 2.2 A Task and Finish Group was recommended under 5.14.2 of the "Parking for Resident Permit Holders" report that was under discussion that evening.
- 2.3 The report had been prepared in response to requests received from Councillor D.T. Davies MBE and Councillor A. Hussey and endorsed by the Joint Scrutiny Committee (Environment and Sustainability and Housing and Regeneration) on 15th December 2020, for amendments to be considered to the parking restrictions in residential areas.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report and the progress made by the Task and Finish inquiry into the current Residents' Parking Policy.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To update Committee Members on the ongoing Task and Finish inquiry into the

potential implications of changes to the current Residents' Parking Policy.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 The terms of reference for this Task and Finish inquiry are: To fully consider the complexities and implications of any proposed changes to the existing Residents' Parking Policy. As part of the Task and Finish Group's remit a consultation exercise will need to be carried out with all eligible residents (approximately 1900 properties) within existing schemes to gauge views and help inform decisions.
- 5.2 The Task and Finish Group on Residential Parking met for the first time on 7th December 2022 and agreed the terms of reference and Inquiry Plan set out in the review's Scoping Document. The Task and Finish Group was made up of the following Members:
- Councillor D.T Davies MBE
Councillor N Dix – Vice Chair
Councillor A Hussey - Chair
Councillor D Ingram-Jones (Co-opted from Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee)
Councillor S. Kent
Cllr H. Pritchard
- 5.3 The second Task Group meeting was held on 30th January 2023 and focussed on gaining an understanding of the current position regarding residential parking and a background overview from Traffic Management Officers. The key witnesses were Mr Clive Campbell (Transportation Engineering Manager) and Mr Dean Smith (Principal Engineer, Traffic Management).
- 5.4 The Chair raised the issue of extending the permit operating time from the current schedule to 8am to 8pm instead. Whilst acknowledging that recommendations were a matter for the Task Group the Principal Engineer reiterated that extending the operating hours risked diverting enforcement resources from the working day when roads were busier. The Chair highlighted that in Newport some operating restrictions were from 8am to 8pm. The Principal Engineer suggested that this might be appropriate in cities where demand was greater in the evenings because of sporting events for example.
- 5.5 The third meeting on 27th February 2023 was organised so that guidance on the future consultation exercise could be provided by the Consultation and Public Engagement Officer Ms. Elizabeth Sharma.
- 5.6 A draft survey by the Consultation and Public Engagement Officer and the Scrutiny Officer was unanimously endorsed by the Task Group at their fourth meeting on 25th May 2023. It was decided that the online survey of eligible residents within existing schemes should be supported by a letter offering hard copies of the survey if preferred. A copy of the survey is attached in the appendices of this report.
- 5.7 The survey of eligible residents will run from 3rd July until 4th August 2023. Also, as part of the evidence-gathering process this report will be presented at the Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee meeting on 24th July 2023 so that the views of the Community and Town Councils can be collected.
- 5.8 Task Group Members will meet after recess to consider all the evidence gathered before compiling their recommendations in a report for the Housing and Environment Scrutiny Committee this winter. A final report will then go to Cabinet for consideration.

5.9 **Conclusion**

The Task and Finish Group on Residential Parking have been meeting regularly since December 2022 and are currently awaiting the results of a survey of eligible residents (approximately 1900 properties) living within existing resident parking schemes to gauge views and help inform their decisions. A report with final recommendations will be considered by the Housing and Environment Scrutiny Committee, prior to going to Cabinet, this winter.

6. **ASSUMPTIONS**

6.1 No assumptions are necessary.

7. **SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

7.1 As this report is for information only an Integrated Impact Assessment is not necessary.

8. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 At this stage of the Task and Finish review no financial implications have been identified.

9. **PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no personnel implications with respect to this report.

10. **CONSULTATIONS**

10.1 All responses from the consultations have been incorporated in the report.

11. **STATUTORY POWER**

11.1 The Local Government Act 2000.

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 Resident Parking Policy Review