

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

21 SEPTEMBER 2011

REPORT OF HEAD OF COMMUNITIES & NEIGHBOURHOODS

COUNCIL HOUSING CAR PARKING – TOWN CENTRE FLATS

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To allow members to make a decision as whether or not to implement an enforceable car parking permit scheme for the HRA car parks in Melton Mowbray Town Centre following a petition from the Melton Tenants' Forum Executive Committee on behalf of tenants/Residents living in the Melton Town Centre HRA owned flats.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that members:

- (i) ***make a decision to not introduce any car parking permit scheme in HRA car parks in Melton Mowbray Town Centre, at this moment, however, monitor the situation, due to the issues raised by tenants and TFEC in line with the recent petition.***
- (ii) ***Members instruct officer to monitor the usage of effective car parking and ensure that any issues are incorporated into Car parking Strategy planned for 2012/13.***

3. KEY ISSUES

3.1 Background

Melton Borough Council Officers were approached by the Tenants' Forum Executive Committee (TFEC) and local residents through the Town Centre Residents Association in 2009/10 regarding the illegal parking by non-residents at the town centre flats in HRA car parks. Officers were asked to explore options as to how illegal parking could be prevented.

- 3.2 Observations have taken place where it is clear that some non-residents do use the car parks, some on a daily basis, to avoid having to pay for parking in the Council's pay and display car parks. Additionally the car parks are often full and residents, when they return from trips away, cannot find a space to park.
- 3.3 Additionally various consultations have taken place with local residents and TFEC at various stages of investigation into schemes, and it has been found that the least costly option to all tenants, leaseholders and Melton Borough Council is a permit scheme.

Consultations

As already stated various consultations have taken place, which are listed below in chronological order;

1. Written questionnaire and survey
2. Consultation with Town Centre Residents' Group
3. Consultation with TFEC
4. Formal written response from TFEC
5. Further Consultation following original previous decision to implement scheme on 25 January 2011

4.1 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Agreeing to introduce a formal enforceable car parking scheme will mean that the Council's parking orders and policy will need adjusting in order to comply with regulations.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no other financial implications directly arising from this report

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

- 6.1 There are no other legal implications directly arising from this report.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

- 7.1 There are no direct links to community safety arising from this report.

8.0 EQUALITIES

- 8.1 An initial equalities impact assessment has been completed and the Council's Equalities Group will assess this. (Appendix A)

9.0 RISKS

9.1 The risks are considered in the table below:

Probability



Very High A				
High B				
Significant C		1		
Low D			2	
Very Low E				
Almost Impossible F				
	IV Neg- ligible	III Marg- inal	II Critical	I Catast- rophic

Impact →

Risk No.	Description
1	No parking restrictions mean on-going traffic congestion

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 There are no climate change issues directly arising from this report. However introducing such a scheme may encourage more use of public transport.

11.0 CONSULTATIONS

11.1 The issue to act regarding illegal parking was originally raised by TFEC. As in section 3 a full robust consultation has taken place and a formal position statement has been received from TFEC (Appendix B). A total of 302 surveys were sent out and 163 questionnaires were returned.

11.2 Two public meetings were held on 27th July 2010 and 10th August 2010. The feedback from those meetings was split as to whether or not residents would be happy paying for permits. Additionally, everyone present commented that there is a problem with non residents parking in the housing allocated car parking spaces.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 Craven and Newport Wards are affected by this report.

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Appendices: Appendix A - EIA
Appendix B – Formal Response from TFEC

Background Papers: Minutes of Resident Meetings at Town Centre
Minutes of TFEC Meetings

Reference: X: C'tees, Council & Sub-C'tees/CSA/2011-12/21-9-11/Council
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