

AGENDA ITEM 9

RURAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

26 MAY 2010

REPORT OF HEAD OF STREET SCENE AND ENVIRONMENT

GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL – REVIEW OF CAR PARKING SCHEME

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To review the parking permit scheme for Grove Primary School that allows Wilton Road Car Park to be used as a short term drop off point for parents after nearly twelve months of operation.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the current arrangements are renewed for a further twelve months and the approval for further 12 month extensions be delegated to the Head of Street Scene & Environment in consultation with the Chairman.

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The scheme allows parents to park at Wilton Road car park for a half hour period each morning and afternoon during term time with permits purchased through the school office. Permits are £3 per week with discounts for term or annual purchases.
- 3.2 The scheme is administered by the school with monies paid to the Council each term.
- 3.3 The scheme has been positively received both by the school and parents with a reasonable uptake from those parents who take their children to school by car. To date 150 weekly permits have been sold.
- 3.4 The school would like the scheme to continue. They have recently carried out a travel survey with a view to updating their Travel Plan, the focus of which will be on strategies to further reduce the number of children brought to school by car.
- 3.5 The scheme operates with minimal cost to MBC and has not led to similar requests from other schools or users.
- 3.6 It is considered reasonable for the scheme to continue for a further twelve month period to allow the school time to develop and implement their Travel Plan.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resolving issues of car use and access are essentially ones for the County Council as Education Authority. However creating safer communities is a key objective of the Council as well as working with partner organisations.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The scheme is expected to raise £500 in its first full year of operation.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

6.1 Any arrangement would need to be on a temporary basis in view of the long term redevelopment potential of the Wilton road site.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

7.1 Implementing a short term measure will have a beneficial effect on safety and meet one of the concerns of the school Travel Plan.

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 There are no direct implications as a result of this report

9.0 RISKS


Probability



Very High A				
High B				
Significant C				
Low D	2	1		
Very Low E				

Risk No.	Description
1	Sets a precedent for other requests
2	Results in reduced car parking income to MBC

Almost Impossible F				
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Impact

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 A key aim of the school travel plan is to reduce the number of cars making the journey to and from school .Granting any concession could encourage greater car use and undermine efforts on reducing carbon emissions.

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 Grove School has been consulted in the formulation of this report.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 The school is located in Egerton Ward but it may have implications for all Wards

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Background Papers: Grove School Travel Plan

Reference : X: REEA/260510 – Grove School Parking update