

CABINET (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) COMMITTEE

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REVIEW OF THE RESIDENTS' PARKING PERMIT SCHEME

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

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RECENT REFERENCES:

CAB 1044 – Variation of On-Street Parking Permit Charges – Cabinet, 19 May 2005

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At its meeting on 19 May 2005, Cabinet agreed that the costing and scope of the residents' parking scheme should be reviewed. The review has now been completed by an Informal Member/Officer Working Group which met on 26 October, 22 November, 7 December, and 14 December 2005. Their recommendations are included within the minutes of the final Working Group meeting on 14 December 2005, attached as Appendix A. The reports 2A, 3A, and 4A considered at the 7 and 14 December 2005 meetings are attached as Appendix B.

The Working Group noted the 2005/06 budget for the on-street permit scheme, and proposed that the first annual permit charge per household should be increased from £20 to £24 per annum from July 2006. It was also proposed that there should be discounts on the residents' permit charges for low emission vehicles, and this is considered in more detail within a separate report CAB1183(TP) to this Committee meeting.

The Working Group considered that in general the permit scheme should remain as existing except that proposals should be progressed for extending the permit restriction times from 6pm to 10pm where requested by residents, and that requests for adding or removing areas from the residents' permit scheme should only be considered if they are supported by at least two thirds of the households in that area.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 That the first annual permit charge per household should be increased from £20 to £24 per annum from July 2006.
- 2 That proposals should be progressed for extending the permit restriction times from 6pm to 10pm, where requested by residents.
- 3 That requests for adding or removing areas from the residents' parking scheme should only be considered where they are supported by at least two thirds of the households in that area.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

Parking policies can encourage more sustainable approaches to transport, and in so doing improve air quality in Winchester.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The proposed increase in the first permit charge from £20 to £24 will increase on-street parking income by about £16,000 per annum. This will reduce the anticipated deficit in the residents' parking scheme budget to about £24,000 per annum compared to the target that the residents parking scheme should be cost neutral.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None.

APPENDICES:

A: Minutes of the Residents Parking Informal Member/Officer Working Group meeting on 14 December 2005.

B: Reports 2A, 3A and 4A to the Working Group meeting on 7 December 2005.