

**Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 22 January 2025**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<p><b>A7</b></p>	<p>Parking and access programme – review and 25/26 works</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That, subject to Full Council approval of the Budget and Capital Investment Strategy in February 2025, expenditure of £1,180,000 for the car park major works programme 2025/26 be approved as outlined in appendix A to report CAB3488.</li> <li>2. That it be noted that the expenditure plans contained within report CAB3488 exhaust the resources currently available, therefore</li> </ol>	<p>The proposed Parking and Access Improvement Programme for 2025/26 and an indicative programme for 2026/27 directly support the Council priority of supporting a vibrant local economy and the enhanced focus on pride in place. The aim of the programme is to enhance the customer experience, improving accessibility, safety and signage while improving air quality and reducing carbon.</p> <p>The programme consists of both capital and revenue expenditure and is part of the Council’s Asset Management Plan and delivery of the</p>	<p>If we do not invest in decarbonisation and air quality initiatives, we will fail to deliver core council priorities in both these areas.</p> <p>Not investing in Council car parks and their infrastructure may lead to financial loss if car parks are not able to be used or are unattractive to drivers. Losses may also result if accidents occur which generate successful claims against the Council. There is also a risk of reputational damage to the Council, and an adverse impact on the city and market towns’ economies, through lack of good quality parking provision which help to</p>
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		<p>requiring additional resources to be set aside in the 2025/26 budget.</p> <p>3. That authority be delegated to the Head of Programme – Place, in consultation with the Corporate Head of Asset Management and Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency, to make minor adjustments to the programme in order to meet maintenance and operational needs of the car park service throughout the year, as required, and procure works as set out in the report.</p>	<p>Parking and Access Strategy across the whole district.</p> <p>The programme supports the City of Winchester Movement Strategy which recognises the importance of parking provision to help manage traffic movements through the city and, as part of this objective, the need for additional park and ride provision has been identified. Parking management is also a tool to support wider traffic management which enables us to address the Climate Emergency and improve air quality.</p> <p>Report CAB3488 also covers progress made in the 2024/25 programme for maintaining and improving parking assets and sets out additional proposals for</p>	<p>underpin these locations in terms of meeting business and visitor needs.</p>
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		<p>4. That it be agreed to convert Middle Brook Street car park from “pay on foot” to “pay and display”.</p>	<p>maintenance and enhancement of car and cycle parking for 2025/26 and beyond including proposals for digital transformation and customer service improvements in relation to parking services.</p> <p>The report also considers and seeks approval for one matter regarding car park design at Middle Brook Street car park in Winchester as part of an overall improvement to the customer experience at that site.</p>	