

**Meeting:** Council

**Date:** 27 October 2016

**Wards Affected:** All

**Report Title:** Mayor's Response to Objections to the Parking Strategy 2016-2021

**Is the decision a key decision?** Yes

**When does the decision need to be implemented?** Immediately

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## 1. Proposal and Introduction

- 1.1 The Council's Parking Strategy has been reviewed following the Review of Parking in Torbay, which was completed in March 2016.
- 1.2 The Strategy presents a way forward to provide the fairest and most consistent approach to parking management and provision in Torbay. It set out the Vision, Values and Aims that underpin our approach to parking. It also sets out the key work areas that we will focus on to take parking services forward over the next five years.
- 1.3 The Council considered the Torbay Council Parking Strategy 2016-2021 at its meeting held on 22 September 2016 and formally objected to the Parking Strategy 2016-2021 on the basis that:
  - i) the Council is concerned that public safety, in particular road safety risks to children outside school entrances, has not been given sufficient priority. Therefore, the Mayor reconsiders the Officer recommendation as set out below:
    - (i) That the Torbay Council Parking Strategy 2016-2021, as set out in Appendix 2 to the submitted report, be adopted, except that the phrase "However, this Strategy does not support the use of mobile enforcement cameras" should be deleted on page 15, under the section marked 'Fair Enforcement', and replaced with the following statement:-

“In particular the use of mobile enforcement cameras can improve road safety for children outside school entrances and reduce the road safety risks presented to public transport users. Strict operating procedures should be applied to the use of any mobile technology to ensure that fair enforcement is undertaken and the law abiding motorist is not penalised.”

- (ii) That the Parking Operations Panel and Members involvement in the decision making process be reviewed after one year.

In accordance with the Constitution at F4.9, the Council therefore requires the Mayor to consider this objection by 14 October 2016 either:

- a) submit a revision of the Parking Strategy 2016-2021 with the reasons for any amendments to the Council for its consideration; or
- b) inform the Council of any disagreement that the Executive has with any of the Council's objections and the Executive's reasons for any such disagreement.

The Mayor considered the recommendations of the Council and his decision full decision is set out in Appendix 4 to this report. His recommendation to the Council is set out in paragraph 3 below.

## **2. Reason for Proposal**

- 2.1 The current Strategy was out of date and needed to be redrafted. This strategy takes a realistic and long-term view of what is feasible and likely to be achieved in Torbay, and what is required to help deliver successful initiatives. It takes account of the adopted Corporate Plan and Local Transport Plan.

## **3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision**

### **Mayor's Recommendation:**

- 3.1 That the Torbay Council Parking Strategy 2016-2021, as set out in Appendix 2 to this report, be adopted.
- 3.2 That the Parking Operations Panel and Members involvement in the decision making process be reviewed after one year.
- 3.3 That the Executive Head of Business Services be requested to explore other forms of camera technology, other than mobile camera enforcement vehicles, for example putting cameras on crossing patrol lollipops or permanent cameras outside schools (which would be funded by the schools) to address concerns about public safety, in particular road safety risks to children outside school entrances.

## **4. Officer's Recommendation:**

- 4.1 That the Torbay Council Parking Strategy 2016-2021, as set out in Appendix 2 to this report, be adopted, except that the phrase *“However, this Strategy does not support the use of mobile enforcement cameras”* should be deleted on page 15, under the section marked 'Fair Enforcement', and replaced with the following statement :-

*“In particular the use of mobile enforcement cameras can improve road safety for children outside school entrances and reduce the road safety risks presented to public transport users. Strict operating procedures should be applied to the use of any mobile technology to ensure that fair enforcement is undertaken and the law abiding motorist is not penalised.”*

- 4.2 That the Parking Operations Panel and Members involvement in the decision making process be reviewed after one year.

## **5. Consultation**

- 5.1 The Parking Strategy forms part of the Council’s Policy Framework and was therefore subject to a six week consultation. The results of the consultation are attached at Appendix 3 to this report and summarised in Appendix 1.
- 5.2 The Parking Strategy was also considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board (through its Parking Task-and-Finish Group). The Board’s report to the Mayor is available on the Council’s website at [www.torbay.gov.uk/scrutiny](http://www.torbay.gov.uk/scrutiny).
- 5.3 It is a recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Board’s report that the draft Parking Strategy for 2016-2021 should be forwarded to the Council for adoption within the Policy Framework. The draft Parking Strategy considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board reflects the recommendation set out in 3.3 above.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1: Supporting Information and Impact Assessment  
Appendix 2: Draft Parking Strategy 2016-2021  
Appendix 3: Parking Strategy Consultation Report – August 2016  
Appendix 4 Record of Decision Mayor’s Response to the Council’s Objections to the Parking Strategy 2016-2021

## **Background Documents**

Review of Parking in Torbay (March 2016) <http://www.torbay.gov.uk/media/7429/parking-review-report.pdf>