

10 March 2016

Economic Development Committee

Resident Parking Motion

Report of: Roy Ormsby – Head of Street Scene

Wards Affected: All

This report is: Public

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 At Ordinary Council on 27 January 2016 Cllr Russell's amended motion regarding resident parking in Westbury Avenue was carried, which read:

'Recognising that some residents have difficulty finding space to park their vehicles in Tower Hill, Westbury Road, Weald Road & Sir Francis Way and that Westbury Road and Sir Francis Way season ticket car parks are not used in the evenings and weekends, Brentwood Council will explore the viability at these of making these car parks available to the residents and their visitors at these times through a resident parking permit scheme. A report will come forward to the Economic Development Committee for a final decision. Also recognising that residents have difficulty finding space to park their vehicles in King Edward Road, Alexandra Road, Rose Valley and Gresham Road the Council Owned 'Car Park Plot' on King Edward Road is also similarly explored'.

- 1.2 There are a number of car parks near to Westbury Road, but due to the Council's parking orders these could not currently be used. Therefore there would need to be a change to the orders to accommodate any resident parking.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That Members agree to develop a parking strategy which will look at the wider issues relating to resident parking in Brentwood.**

3. Introduction and Background

- 3.1 The Council have a legal obligation to clearly define through a parking order how the area would be used, and at present there is no option for resident parking.

- 3.2 The car park in Westbury Road is currently used by season ticket holders Monday through to Friday, and therefore these users will take priority over any resident parking scheme.
- 3.3 Permit holders will start using the car park from 6am onwards, and many will return after 6pm. Therefore the car park would need to be vacated by residents during these periods.
- 3.4 All other car parks operate a 24h charge, therefore to implement any enforcement, changes would need to be made to the parking order.
- 3.5 A number of Housing sites are being reviewed, with a view to implementing resident parking schemes. However, this will inevitably disperse parking into other areas, which will need to be monitored.
- 3.6 It is important that all aspects of parking are reviewed to identify any long-term solutions to parking in and around the Town centre, with an emphasis on resident parking.

4. Issue, Options and Analysis of Options

- 4.1 There needs to be a strategic approach to parking in the Town, with an emphasis on resident parking.

5. Reasons for Recommendation

- 5.1 To develop a longer-term solution to parking

6. Consultation

- 6.1 This would be done through any changes made to parking orders.

7. References to Corporate Plan

- 7.1 Support economic growth and sustainable development.

8. Implications

Financial Implications

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- 8.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. These will need to be considered and reported as part of the overall review.

Legal Implications

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8.2 Although there is no inherent legal right for vehicle owners to park on public highway, residents' parking schemes can be introduced for parking on the public highway where there is parking stress, in addition to allocations in off street car parks. The procedure involves statutory consultation and often informal non-statutory consultation where surveys and feasibility options are considered.

8.3 Feasibility investigations need to consider the extent of current problems to residents, businesses, service deliveries, visitors and emergency vehicles; criteria for allocating permits to residents; and the enforcement and cost implications of the options and measures considered .

Other Implications (where significant) – i.e. Health and Safety, Asset Management, Equality and Diversity, Risk Management, Section 17 – Crime & Disorder, Sustainability, ICT.

8.4 None

9. **Background Papers** (include their location and identify whether any are exempt or protected by copyright)

9.1 None

10. **Appendices to this report**

- None

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