

REPORT TO CABINET

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TITLE:	Car Parking Strategy	
KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:	Key Decision	
PORTFOLIO HOLDER: NAME AND DESIGNATION:	Councillor Frances Cartwright Grow the Economy and Economic Development	
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INITIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT:	Carried out and Referred to in paragraph (7) below	Full impact assessment Required:
Equality and Diversity		
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:	This report is publicly available via the Your Council and Democracy link on the Council's website: www.southkesteven.gov.uk	
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Cabinet approve the Car Parking Strategy as the key overarching document in the effective management of our off street car parks and for the strategic planning of car parking in the future.

2. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to present a car parking strategy for approval in South Kesteven.

2.2 Parking availability for any type of vehicle is an important factor to determine how people travel. Parking availability also influences the vitality and viability of town centres and the attractiveness of residential areas.

2.3 This Strategy is intended to cover the period 2012 to 2017. This five year timescale covers the lifetime of a new off street car park enforcement framework. During this time many of the ongoing on street parking control issues should be addressed. It is acknowledged, however, that the Strategy should be kept under review during this period not least because of the implications of major development opportunities in Grantham.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

Introduction

3.1 The car parking strategy has resulted from several workshops with Communities Policy Development Group. The group not only reviewed data and information as a desk top exercise, but also visited all of the car parks covered by Orders in our town centres to appreciate how they are being used and how they contribute to economic activity now and in the future.

3.2 Communities Policy Development Group also reviewed the Traffic Movement Study for Grantham and commissioned a parking review for Stamford which has also been taken into account in formulating this strategy.

3.3 An internal Officer group with representatives from Property Development, Economic Development and Planning Policy have also contributed to the strategy.

3.4 Resources Policy Development Group received a presentation of the elements of the strategy relating to Fees and Charges on 2 November 2012.

3.5 The strategy document contains a more comprehensive introduction to set the scene and background to the strategy.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

None arising from this report.

6. RISK AND MITIGATION

Having a current and up to date Car Parking Strategy provides governance and performance arrangements around asset decisions and therefore contributes to effective risk management.

7. ISSUES ARISING FROM EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

None arising from this report

8. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

None arising from this report

9. COMMENTS OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

A current and effective Car Parking Strategy contributes to the financial management and planning of the council.

10. COMMENTS OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

The Car Parking Strategy and its component documents are a requirement of a well run council to ensure asset rationalisation and value for money in our use of assets.

11. COMMENTS OF OTHER RELEVANT SERVICES

None received.

12. APPENDICES:

Car Parking Strategy