

<b>REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE</b>		Report No. 16
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> July 2008	
<b>Title of Report</b>	Recommendations from the Car Parking Working Group	
<b>Portfolio</b>	Car Parking & Community Safety	
Link to Corporate Priorities		
Key Decision	No	
Executive Workplan Ref	N/A	
Public Report	Yes	

<p><b>Summary of Report</b></p> <p>To inform the Executive of recommendations made by the Car Parking Working Group.</p>
<p><b>Officer Recommendations</b></p> <p>To consider and, if appropriate, approve the Car Parking Working Group's recommendations.</p>

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.				
Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
None	None	None	None	None

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Car Parking Working Group was reappointed by the Executive on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2008.
- 1.2 The Working Group membership comprises of the Portfolio Holder, together with one Member to represent each of the towns in North Wiltshire.

## 2. Options and Options Appraisal

- 2.1 To consider each recommendation individually and approve, amend or dismiss.

## 3. Background Information

- 3.1 North Wiltshire District Council currently enforces On Street Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) across the whole of the District. However, the Traffic Regulation Orders are made by Wiltshire County Council within the Environmental Services Department. Any changes to existing TROs or new TROs must go through a formal consultation process as highlighted below:

**The TRO is the legal order upon the highway which allows the marking of restrictions and the enforcement of said markings. The procedures for making a TRO are laid down by the Secretary of State and must be observed strictly and are outlined below:**

- i) Formal consultation is initially carried out with various statutory consultees including the Police, Fire Brigade, Ambulance Service, County Councillors, local Councillors and the County surveyor. Any objections received from the statutory consultees would have to be addressed and if the objections cannot be resolved then the scheme may have to be abandoned.*
- ii) If no objections are received to the initial consultation, or if any are received and can be overcome, the proposed scheme is advertised for public comment for a period of three weeks.*
- iii) If objections are received at either of these two stages then these must be considered by the relevant committee.*
- iv) If there are no objections, or once the committee approves an amended scheme, the proposal can be implemented.*

**The likely timescale for implementation of the proposal assuming there are no objections is approximately 26 weeks. If objections are received then the implementation can take nearer to 40 weeks. The cost of this process is several thousand pounds. Once this process is complete the resource then has to be arranged with the Area Office to provide the Lining gang to mark upon the highway the new restrictions and signs. Until this has been completed no enforcement can be undertaken.**

- 3.2 On 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2008 Wiltshire County Council and their consultants, GaryKaySmith Ltd held a drop in session at North Wiltshire District Council to publicise to all Members the proposed changes to TROs in the following areas of North Wiltshire:

Chippenham

Corsham

Calne (very small number of requests for areas to be considered)

Cricklade

Wootton Bassett (will include a proposal for the High Street scheme).

This session was open to all Members and as well as producing plans highlighting the areas that changes are recommended the consultant also had photographs of all areas that had been considered and rejected along with the reasons why. This was designed to show to Members that a full and thorough review had been undertaken and to answer any questions they may have had.

- 3.3 To proceed with the changes to the TROs and move to the next stage of the consultation Wiltshire County Council requires from North Wiltshire District Council formal agreement to some or all of the proposals. Due to the time frames involved, the sooner the formal agreement is received the sooner the Order making process can commence. Some of the changes are considered to be time sensitive by the local Members involved.
- 3.4 The Car Parking Working Group who are meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008 have sent an open invitation to all Members to attend the meeting to discuss the issues within their wards. This is to ensure all Members have the opportunity to feed into the process before formal acceptance is given or withheld.

#### **4. Working Group Recommendations**

- 4.1 The Car Parking Working Group is due to meet on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July so it is therefore not possible to give recommendations at this time. However it is confirmed that recommendations will be made by the Working Group on the issue above and as this issue is considered time sensitive an addendum will be available prior to the meeting of the Executive on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July to outline the recommendations of the Working Group.
- 4.2 At their meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> July the Car Parking Working Group will be informed of the new Traffic Regulation Orders and changes to existing Traffic Regulation Orders in North Wiltshire as proposed by Wiltshire County Council and their consultants GaryKaySmith Ltd. They will be asked to recommend to the Executive that the proposals be accepted and furthermore that the Executive write to Wiltshire County Council formally accepting the proposals.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:</b>	<b>None</b>

#### **Previous Decisions Connected with this Report**

<b>Report</b>	<b>Committee &amp; Date</b>	<b>Minute Reference</b>