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**SALISBURY: CHANGES TO THE INTRODUCTION OF
RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEMES**

Purpose of Report

1. To review a previous paper and decisions taken on the processes involved with the introduction of Residents' Parking Schemes in Salisbury.

Background

2. At its meeting of the 15th February 2007 this Committee considered a report that put forward a number of proposed changes to the introduction of Residents' Parking Schemes in Salisbury with a view to reducing the length of time it currently takes to introduce and implement the schemes on the ground.

Members resolved:

To make the following changes to the processes involved:

- (1) *That informal consultation with residents should continue to take place. This could be undertaken concurrently with the formal advertisement of the supporting Traffic Regulation Orders.*
 - (2) *That the existing two-tier approach to the introduction of residents' parking schemes be retained but a greater flexibility be introduced into the number of permits issued to residents when introducing a new residents' parking scheme. This would mean a move away from the current blanket approach to the issuing of permits to a system where the permit restrictions on residents are linked to the amount of available kerbside space in each residents' parking zone.*
 - (3) *The changes to the processes of introducing residents' parking schemes in Salisbury come into practice as from the beginning of the 2007-2008 financial year.*
3. A copy of the report is attached at **Appendix 1**.

Main Considerations

4. The delivery of Residents' Parking Schemes in Salisbury has continued to cause problems and has led to expressions of concern being made by some elected Members over the extended timescale for their introduction. This is in part due to staff and resource difficulties within the Joint Transportation Team over the last two years and partly due to the previous resolution that informal consultation with residents should continue. The original report recommendation was that informal consultation with residents should be removed from the process as it was envisaged that this would achieve a six month saving in the delivery period.

5. It is difficult to see how in practice informal consultation with residents can be undertaken concurrently with the formal advertisement of the Traffic Orders as set out in the previous resolution. Informal consultation is used as an opportunity to make final minor changes to the proposals in advance of their formal advertisement through the statutory procedure. Changes to the proposals cannot be made during the formal advertisement process but have to wait until the matter is referred to Members for determination.
6. To help with the understanding of the Residents' Parking process flow charts showing the:
 - Previous process
 - Revised process previously approved
 - Proposed process envisaged in the original report

are set out in **Appendix 2**.

Options Considered

7. The following options have been considered:
 - (i) Making changes to the processes involved in the introduction of Residents' Parking Schemes in Salisbury to reduce the length of time it currently takes to implement Residents' Parking Schemes on the ground.
 - (ii) Not making changes to the processes involved in the introduction of Residents' Parking Schemes in Salisbury.

Environmental Impact of the Recommendation

9. The project, once implemented, will contribute to the objectives of the Salisbury Transport Plan.

Reasons for Recommendation

10. The need to increase the usage of the Park and Ride services within Salisbury as well as a need to reduce congestion on the main approach roads to Salisbury City Centre is a published aim of both the Salisbury Transport Plan as well as the second Wiltshire Local Transport Plan. The changes recommended to the processes involved in introducing new Residents' Parking Schemes will help to achieve this aim.
11. The accelerated introduction of new Residents' Parking Schemes on the ground will help to alleviate parking problems and road safety hazards caused by commuters and shoppers parking within unrestricted residential streets.

Recommendation

12. That the following changes be made to the processes involved in the introduction of residents' parking schemes in Salisbury:
 - (i) The initial informal consultation with residents is removed from the process of introducing residents' parking zones. By doing this a period of approximately six months will be saved from the process of implementing Residents' Parking Schemes.

- (ii) No scheme design should take place without first consulting with the local Members to agree on the type of scheme and permit restrictions to be introduced.

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The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:

None.