



CABINET

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AGENDA ITEM (7)

AMENDMENT TO PARKING STRATEGY 2010

Accountable Members	Councillor Chris Hancock Cabinet Member for Enterprise and Partnerships
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Purpose of Report	To seek agreement to amend the existing Parking Strategy, adopted by the Council in 2010, to reflect the increase in parking demand in Cirencester.
Recommendation(s)	That Cabinet agrees to adopt the Atkins Parking Study December 2016, and include it as an Appendix to the existing Parking Strategy.
Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)	To ensure that there is formal recognition of the current and future increased parking demand in Cirencester and that the Atkins Parking Study can then be referred to in the progression of the Local Plan, Planning Developments and Developer contributions as reflecting the current position on Parking demand.

Ward(s) Affected	Abbey, Chesterton, Four Acres, New Mills, St Michael's, Stratton, The Beeches, Watermoor
Key Decision	No
Recommendation to Council	No

Financial Implications	There are no financial implications associated with this decision. Any decision(s) to take actions to meet the parking demand identified in the Parking Study would be the subject of separate reports.
Legal and Human Rights Implications	The Council has no statutory obligation to provide car parking or to have a Parking Strategy; however, it provides a framework for the effective delivery of parking and parking management.
Environmental and Sustainability Implications	None

Human Resource Implications	None
Key Risks	<p>Failure to formally adopt the Atkins Parking study will mean that there is no established need for additional parking within the Council's policies, which may mean that new developments do not give effective consideration to parking.</p> <p>Without the need for additional parking being clearly and formally identified the Council will not be able to secure Section 106 contributions from developers for additional parking in Cirencester.</p>
Equalities Impact Assessment	Not required – provision for disabled parking will be made, as per national guidelines, in appropriate car parks.

Related Decisions	Cabinet, 14 th October 2010 - Approval of Parking Strategy - Minute CAB.63 refers
Background Documents	None
Appendices	<p>Appendix A - Atkins Parking Study</p> <p>(Will form Appendix 4 to the Parking Strategy as Appendices 1 - 3 already form part of the Strategy)</p>

Performance Management Follow Up	The Member-led Parking Demand Project Board will closely monitor Parking capacity and the delivery of additional spaces as well as the relationship parking has with development.
Options for Joint Working	Not relevant

Background Information

1. The current Parking Strategy was adopted by the Council in 2010. At that time, the Council's car parks were judged to have sufficient capacity and to be able to accommodate a certain amount of growth. The Strategy is not attached to this report, but is available on the Council's website. The Strategy states:

Existing capacity

Surveys suggest that there is currently an average daily space capacity of around 150 spaces in Cirencester, which equate to approximately 10% of the total spaces available. This suggests existing provision could meet increased demand of up to 10%. If estimates of 15 – 20% increase are realised than an additional provision of between 75 – 150 spaces will be necessary by 2026.

2. The Parking Demand Project Board has been undertaking work to establish the current and future demands for parking in Cirencester. Parking surveys have established that certain car parks are at, or near, capacity at peak times, with a baseline (average) position during weekdays between 9.00am – 4:30pm at approximately 90%. Consideration of the draft Local Plan highlights that future residential and commercial growth will further increase parking demand. A report commissioned by the Council, from consultants Atkins, sets out clearly the current and future parking demands based on both committed development and development set out in the Local Plan.

3. Whilst the Council now has up to date data on parking demands, the Council needs to formally adopt this information so that it has a legitimate status and can be referred to through the Planning process. This will ensure developers have regard to parking and do not simply assume that the parking requirements of their development can be met by existing car park provision within the Town. It also provides clear evidence of demand which will enable the Council to seek S.106 contributions towards additional Parking demand in Cirencester.

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