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## Car Parking Strategy Working Party

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Virtual Meeting on Monday 24 August 2020

### Present

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Councillors Joy Andrews, P Andrews and Duncan

### In Attendance

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Alan Bardet and Amy Thomas

### Minutes

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#### 22 **Welcome and Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Delaney, Keal and Frank.

#### 23 **Minutes from previous meeting held on 25 February 2020**

Members agreed the minutes to the previous meeting.

#### 24 **Discussion of Pickering Recommendations**

Members discussed the Ryedale District Council car parking findings and recommendations for Pickering including the following points:

- Possibility of free short-stay car parking offering to match those discussed for the other towns in Ryedale.
- The recommendation to keep a tariff at the Ropery car park.
- Current use of Lidl car park.
- Unmarked land opposite Lidl, owned by NYCC, currently with no enforcement or charges.
- Other third party parking.
- On street parking in Market Place, recommendation that NYCC apply reduced stay limits. Limited parking with loading bays and disabled parking has been put forward in the past but was rejected by NYCC. Enforcement required to prevent lengthy stays.
- Residential streets and the lack of parking for residents due to use by people working in Pickering.
- The possibility that current time restrictions be extended and enforcement to be focused in Potter Hill.
- Potential for RDC to establish orders on the land adjacent to Train Lane to enable sale of long term parking permits.
- Customer surveys of Eastgate, The Ropery and Market place parkers considered, including time restrictions causing limits to stay time and lack of reasons to keep people in Pickering for a longer time.
- The recommendation to establish Eastgate as main worker and tourist car park with all day low cost ticket, including upgrading the walking

connection between Eastgate and Market Place. Signage and visibility of car park needs improvement.

- The advantages versus costs of post-payment, tap in/out parking as mentioned in previous meetings.
- Vivis lane to possibly offer affordable short/long stay parking.
- Supporting provision of parking at North Yorkshire Moors Railway (NYMR) and Trout Farm
- Possibility of working with NYMR to encourage visitors to spend more time in Pickering
- The recommendation of Formalisation by NYCC of coach drop-off and very short stay parking in lay-by on Park Street, and the issues this may create. Reservations were expressed and consultation with NYMR would be needed. Possibility of Trout Farm as coach park discussed, officers to investigate solutions.
- Ryedale swim and fitness centre, revision of car parking layout, parking on access roads, possible order and 2 hour stay limit. Issues with on-road parking at access to sports centre.
- The leisure centre at Lady Lumleys and issues with on-road parking.
- Pickering War Weekend and the provision of Park and Ride and other distributed temporary car parks to meet demand. Since the report was produced, a Park and Ride service has been trialled, it was queried whether this will be happening again in 2021.
- Impact of new developments including reduction of car use.
- Cllr J Andrews raised that stall holders at Pickering Market are allowed to park in Vivis Lane, although some did not adhere to this, causing issues for traffic and emergency vehicle access. She enquired whether this is still the case. Officers to follow this up and confirm the situation.

## 25 **Other Issues for Consideration (District-wide and location specific)**

Members discussed the following additional items:

- Wentworth Street car park in Malton has trialled 24hrs opening as discussed in previous meeting, with no issues reported. Electric Vehicle charging funding application in the process of being submitted.
- Blue Badge Holder Parking / Charging –Whether charging is appropriate for blue badge holders. It was agreed that more information on what other councils do in North Yorkshire would be of use.
- Permit pricing policy, range of permits, corporate permits (eg: Post Office in Malton), FOC Permits. The need for better transparency/advertising and simplification of the current offering.
- Use of Car Parks by Third Parties eg: GP Surgery drive through flu jabs. How this is handled for different requests. The need to be dealt with on a case by case by case basis with local consultation when needed.

- Approach to dealing with RDC land on which parking takes place but is not a car park eg: Train Lane in Pickering and Vine Street in Norton etc. Consistency needed across different sites.
- Free parking request received by residents of Kirkbymoorside. This could be incorporated in the suggested provision for free parking in every town as discussed previously.
- Cllr P Andrews raised a concern regarding removing the free parking provision at St Nicholas Street in Norton. The conclusion from previous meeting around low cost permits and time-limited free parking was discussed as well as the possibility of consultation with local residents.

## 26 **Next Steps and Timescales**

All feedback to be taken by officers to create a draft strategy and action plan policy to be considered by members, for presentation to the Policy and Resources committee in November. Draft to be completed by end of September for consideration in the next working party. Any additional consultation to take place before then.

Funding for the remaining WSP consultation is still available. For remaining budget, they could look at completing a proposed tariffs and regulations report including a forecast of financial impact. This would instead of consultation that is not possible due to Covid-19. Members agreed this should be based on the draft RDC policy being produced, or alternatively WSP give a number of options. Officers to discuss with WSP where this would best fit in bearing in mind how much budget is available. Some elements of the policy could be implemented while pricing is being discussed.

## 27 **Any Other Business**

None.

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