

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 13 MARCH 2012

EAST HERTS PARKING AND TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2012/22
TASK AND FINISH GROUP REPORT

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To invite the Committee to note and comment on the current draft of the Council's Parking and Transport Strategy and to identify areas where it may wish to see additional detail, clarity or information.

RECOMMENDATION FOR ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:	
(A)	That officers be invited to incorporate salient feedback from the Environment Scrutiny Committee into the draft Parking and Transport Strategy document and
(B)	the draft Parking and Transport Strategy document so amended be commended to the Executive for agreement

1.0 Background

- 1.1 East Herts Council does not possess a single, comprehensive parking and transport strategy. To date, policy and service developments in these areas have occurred on a largely ad-hoc basis. The Council has elected to prepare a Parking and Transport Strategy, initially to cover the period 2012/22.
- 1.2 An account of the development of this Strategy is contained in a report to the 15 November 2011 Environment Scrutiny Committee.

2.0 Report

- 2.1 The Strategy's themes link with this Council's Strategic Aims and with those contained in other strategy documents such as Hertfordshire County Council's Local Transport Plan. It draws heavily on the views of East Herts residents, our business community and other stakeholders such as the voluntary sector.
- 2.2 The Strategy is not a technical manual and does not claim to deliver all the answers to the many parking and transport concerns that face East Herts. Most are intractable and in many cases there is simply no simple or correct answer. A further challenge is that responsibility for the delivery of many aspects lies with other agencies such as the County Council.
- 2.3 The Strategy identifies areas where East Herts may act alone, where it may wish to act in partnership with others, where its role is limited to that of a lobbyist or influencer of others and where it can exercise no influence at all. In view of the fact that East Herts' primary role is that of the Parking Authority the primary focus of the Strategy is on this area, whilst it also recognises that parking and transport are inextricably linked.
- 2.4 The Strategy is a work in progress. Some development work will continue under the auspices of the Member Task and Finish Group until the Strategy is submitted to the East Herts Executive on 22 May. It is, however, suggested that the structure of the document is well established and work on most of the themes well advanced.
- 2.5 With the above in mind, Members are invited to note and comment on the preparation of the Strategy thus far, identifying where they may wish to see additional detail, clarity or information.

4.0 Implications/Consultations

- 4.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found in **Essential Reference Paper A**.

Background Papers

None

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ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

<p>Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives</p>	<p>Promoting prosperity and well-being; providing access and opportunities <i>Enhance the quality of life, health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, particularly those who are vulnerable.</i></p> <p>Fit for purpose, services fit for you <i>Deliver customer focused services by maintaining and developing a well managed and publicly accountable organisation.</i></p> <p>Pride in East Herts <i>Improving standards of the built neighbourhood and environmental management in our towns and villages.</i></p> <p>Shaping now, shaping the future <i>Safeguard and enhance our unique mix of rural and urban communities, ensuring sustainable, economic and social opportunities including the continuation of effective development control and other measures.</i></p> <p>Leading the way, working together <i>Deliver responsible community leadership that engages with our partners and the public.</i></p>
<p>Consultation:</p>	<p>As will be noted from the report received by the Environment Scrutiny Committee on 15 November 2011, extensive consultation has been undertaken during the preparation of the Parking and Transport Strategy.</p>
<p>Legal:</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Financial:</p>	<p>An important aspect of this Strategy will be identification and prioritisation of desirable outcomes for the development of transportation and parking in East Herts for the period 2012/22, enabling the formulation of policies to underpin this development.</p> <p>Delivery of these outcomes is likely to involve capital and/or revenue expenditure; however this will be a strategy document and will not seek to explore this aspect in depth. Officers would expect to bring forward costed proposals through the MTFP process in respect of any proposed development that carries capital or revenue implications.</p>
<p>HR:</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Risk Management:</p>	<p>N/A</p>