

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE – 8 OCTOBER 2019

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF PARKING TASK AND FINISH GROUP,
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PARKING TASK AND FINISH
GROUP - UPDATE

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To update the Executive on recent work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group on parking.

RECOMMENDATION:

(A)	That the Executive note the update of the Overview and Scrutiny Parking Task and Finish Group.
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1.0 Background

1.1 So far the Parking Task and Finish Group has met four times and has three further meetings scheduled. So far the Group has –

1.2 Received presentations from: Hertford Town Council, Hertford Town traders, Bishop's Stortford Business Improvement District, Ward members in relation to the current situation in their wards (Ware and Bishop's Stortford).

1.2.1 We subsequently drilled down into the particular challenges facing each area for example in Bishop's Stortford - Commuter, Airport parking, and the impact of new developments in the

Town centre and for Hertford - poor signage to car parks, car park capacities (mix of long and short stay), lack of station parking facilities as well as new developments in the town.

From this we formulated a list of 'quick and easy wins' as part of our interim report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee which will be taken at its January meeting -

- Residents should be encouraged to notify Manchester Airports Group (MAG) of 'airport parking' problems and that the Council should be encouraged to publicise the number and website as widely as possible
- Improve the quality and quantity of directional signage to Hertford town's car parks
- Wallfields staff car park is made available for Hertford businesses to use free of charge on weekends

1.3 In September we conducted a survey monkey online Survey regarding RPZ'S which received over 1000 responses in two weeks, responses were received from residents all across the district. We analysed the findings in the meeting held on Tuesday 24 September 2019, and will be making subsequent recommendations regarding RPZ's across the district.

1.4 In future meetings we will be looking at –

- In October we will be reviewing the current RPZ policy line by line in order to provide detailed recommendations.
- In November we will be receiving presentations from Hertfordshire County Council regarding climate change/sustainability impact of parking policies across the district.

- In November we will also be looking at parking in the villages and how their challenges and requirements differ from the larger towns in the District.

Background Papers

None

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