

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEMBER PARKING WORKING GROUP**

### **Scrutiny Committee – 18 July 2013**

Report of the: Chief Executive Designate

Status: For decision

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**Executive Summary:** This report requests Members to consider the establishment of a Member Working Group for parking as requested by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

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**This report supports the Key Aim** of safer communities and the effective and efficient use of resources.

**Portfolio Holder** Cllr. Hogarth

**Head of Service** Head of Environmental and Operational Services – Mr. Richard Wilson

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#### **Recommendation:**

That a Member working group be established to consider parking issues relating to the provision and management of on and off-street parking, and parking enforcement.

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#### **Introduction**

1. Parking provision on-street and in car parks is becoming subject to increasing pressures and demands from businesses, residential communities and visitors, particularly in our town centres. On occasions, demands conflict, with different sections of the community competing for available road and car park space.
2. Mindful of this, and of the vital role parking income plays in supporting the Council's Budget, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman have requested that a small Member working group be set up to carry out an in-depth scrutiny of this area.
3. The following are examples of current relevant issues and areas that could be considered:
  - the adequacy of long stay parking provision in Sevenoaks town centre
  - the effects of the Blighs development, in particular the loss of long-stay parking at Pembroke Road
  - residential parking needs in Sevenoaks town centre, and in other residential areas
  - school parking in Sevenoaks town centre

- the annual review of parking charges (Budget assumes 3% increase in income each year)
- the car park income deficit for 2012/13 (6% down on budget income)
- the use of surplus funds from on-street parking
- parking enforcement

### **Recommendation**

4. Members are requested to agree to the establishment of a Member working group to consider all relevant parking issues.

### **Key Implications**

#### Financial

5. There are no financial implications within this report.

#### Community impact and outcomes

6. There are no implications within this report.

#### Legal, Human Rights, etc

7. There are no legal issues or implications within this report.

#### Equality Impacts

8. There are no equality issues associated with this report.

#### **Risk Assessment Statement**

9. There are no risks associated with this report.

### **Sources of Information:**

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