

HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report To: Cabinet
18 October 2016

Subject: CAR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

All Ward(s)
Portfolio Holder for Governance: Councillor N Knapton

1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to explore the possibility of making a range of car parking improvements, including introducing provision for electric cars across the District.
- 1.2 It is thought that a feasibility study is needed to take the exploratory work forward and Members are being asked to scope the feasibility work.

2.0 PROPOSALS FOR THE EXPLORATORY WORK

2.1 The initial proposal is as follows:-

2.1.1 Establish a National/Regional context and best practice which helps support electric car users.

2.1.2 Explore the use of Apps or other technology for providing customer information and bookings.

2.1.3 Explore a range of other improvements to the Council's car parks including, but not limited to:-

- Wider bays
- Height restriction barriers
- Pay on exit
- Improved security
- Systems where retailers can pay charges for customers
- Pay by phone

2.1.4 Any changes needed to parking orders.

2.1.5 Establish whether there are any external grants available to the Council to undertake such work.

2.1.6 Explore how Planning Policy could help increase usage of electric cars in the District.

2.2 The feasibility work should be considered as a menu from which a wider set of improvements in relation to car parking investment could be chosen and delivered as part of a wider strategy which could include increasing car parking charges.

3.0 LINK TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

3.1 This initiative would link to the Council's environmental and economic priorities.

4.0 RISK ASSESSMENT:

4.1 There are no significant risks associated with this report.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 This report will require staff time to undertake research work which will inform the Council of both the potential revenue and capital costs.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 There are no legal implications associated with this initiative at the present time.

7.0 EQUALITY/DIVERSITY ISSUES

7.1 Equality and Diversity Issues have been considered and there are no issues associated with this report.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION:

8.1 It is recommended that Cabinet endorses the scope of this feasibility study with the results to come back to Cabinet.

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Background papers: None

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