

**CAR PARKING STRATEGY ACTION PLAN – CALL IN
(Report by the Head of Administration)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the Cabinet's decision on the Car Parking Strategy Action Plan, which has been called in for scrutiny by the Panel.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Cabinet at their meeting held on 31st January 2008 considered a report by the Head of Planning Services seeking approval of the Proposed Action Plan. A copy of the report is been attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 The report had previously been considered by the Panel at their meeting held on 15th January 2008 and the Panel's comments were conveyed to the Cabinet by way of the report attached as Appendix 2.
- 2.3 The Cabinet approved the recommendations contained in the report by the Head of Planning Services as set out in the draft Minutes attached at Appendix 3.
- 2.4 Following publication of the Cabinet's decision, Councillors M G Baker, J T Bell, J W Davies, P J Downes, A N Gilbert, P M D Godfrey, J A Gray and R J West have called-in the decision.
- 2.5 The Panel is therefore invited to consider the decision of the Cabinet and the appropriate Executive Councillor, Councillor P L E Bucknell, has been invited to attend the Panel's meeting.

3. CALL IN

- 3.1 Members are reminded of the guidance for call in as set out in paragraph 14 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules of the Council's Constitution.
- 3.2 The Panel has various options which are as follows:-
- if, having considered the matter, the Panel is still concerned about the decision, then it may be referred back to the Cabinet for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of the concerns. Alternatively, the Panel can refer the matter to full Council. If referred back to the Cabinet, they would then be required to reconsider their decision within 10 working days, amending the decision or not, before adopting a final decision;

- if the Panel decides not to refer the matter back to the Cabinet, the decision shall take effect from the date of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting;
- if the matter is referred to full Council and the Council does not object to the decision which has been made, then no further action is necessary and the decision will become effective on the date of the Council meeting; or
- if the matter is referred to full Council and they decide to object, the Council have no ability to make decisions in respect of an executive decision unless it is contrary to the policy framework or contrary to or not wholly consistent with the budget. Unless this is the case, the Council can refer any decision to which they object back to the Cabinet, together with the Council's views on the decision. The Cabinet can then decide whether to amend the decision or not before reaching a final decision and implementing it.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 In the event of the Panel referring the matter back to Cabinet, an item has been included on the Agenda for the meeting of the Cabinet to be held on Thursday 21st February 2008.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 The Panel is invited to consider how to respond to the call in of the decisions by the Cabinet relating to the Car Parking Strategy Action Plan.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Council Constitution

Car Parking Strategy Proposed Action Plan – report by Head of Planning Services

Report and draft Minutes as attached as appendices.

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