

Report To: Joint Transportation Board
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Report Title: Review of Prioritised Parking List and New Process
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Summary: Report addressing the process for dealing with new requests for on street parking controls
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Background

1. Previously the Joint Transportation Board (JTB) has, in March each year, been presented with a list of requests for new parking controls for investigation and possible implementation.
2. The way in which the investigation and delivery of these requests are dealt with is currently being reviewed and a full report detailing the future processes will be brought to the JTB in June 2015. The reason for the review is to ensure that those requests that have the highest probability of being implemented are presented in full to the JTB with all necessary background information. The requests will have been jointly screened by ABC and KCC officers who will then work together on delivery, subject to the support being received following public consultation.
3. We are currently benchmarking how requests to introduce new parking schemes are dealt with across the South East of England so that we can take on board identified best practice and implement a streamlined process going forward. We are also reflecting on why a number of requests for new schemes have not been supported at the point that they go out for public consultation; the outcome of which has resulted in wasted officer and Ward and Board Member time, frustration for residents and in some cases possible avoidable costs.

New process

4. The intention is to develop a process that is SMART ie specific, in that it is clear which projects we will be actively pursuing; measurable, in that our success delivering projects is clear; assignable, in terms of knowing who the leads are for the projects; realistic and therefore aligned to available resources and time related specifying what results can be achieved and by when. By doing this we will be able to provide those requesting a new parking scheme and members clarity over what is, and just as importantly, isn't happening.

5. We will build into the process a mechanism to keep members updated on where each request is in the overall programme. We also intend to draw together information on what makes a successful parking scheme and develop much more guidance for communities making requests so that they understand the process and are realistic about what can and can't be achieved.
6. The new process aims to incorporate a 'full circle' approach so that Members are fully aware of the ongoing impact when implementing new parking controls. These include increased enforcement costs, maintenance and the need to review the requirement for the controls in future years.
7. Finally the intention is to work more closely with our planning colleagues in order to ensure that on street parking schemes are implemented at an early stage in order to try and avoid having to retrofit parking schemes which is clearly more challenging. This work will be progressed with the support of the Planning Policy Task Group which is currently reviewing residential parking standards.

Focus between now and June

8. Between now and the June JTB meeting ABC and KCC officers will be working primarily on the parking schemes in Wye and Tenterden. This will allow requests that have been outstanding and supported for a considerable amount of time to be actively progressed; while at the same time undertaking the review outlined within this report.
9. The outcomes of the wider review will be reported to the June JTB meeting and Board Members will also be able to provide feedback on the new process, should they wish to do so.

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