

Agenda Item No:

Report To: Joint Transportation Board

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Report Title: Parking and Waiting Restrictions Update Summary

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Summary:

This Report:

- (i) **Provides an update of schemes that are currently being managed and progressed through the Parking, Highways and Transportation team.**

Key Decision: No

Affected Wards: All

Recommendations: **None.** No consultations conducted and completed by ABC in the period since last JTB meeting. Any consultation that has been conducted has been led by KCC.

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Introduction and background

1. This report provides an update of schemes that are currently being managed and progressed through the Parking, Highways and Transportation team.
2. Due to the continued vacancy of the Technical and Transport Officer, there has been an unavoidable delay in processing certain matters. However we are prioritising work accordingly and seeking alternative recruitment solutions.

3. Reports

I. Park Mall

Due to the closure of the NCP car park at Park Mall and Ashford Borough Council taking ownership the parking order is being amended to include Park Mall car park.

- The effect of this amendment will be:
- To apply council parking rules relating to the use of this car park
- To apply council parking charge tariffs to the car park as agreed at recent cabinet meeting
- To reflect the availability of virtual permits and virtual season tickets as valid methods of payment for parking
- To include rules relating to the use of electric vehicle charging bays where present
- To introduce new hours of operation

II. Pavement Parking

There has been nothing substantive on pavement parking for England outside of London since March 2021. DfT did run a consultation in 2021 which received thousands of responses. BPA advise that last update received was that they had finally got through all of the responses and were briefing ministers, this was before Christmas.

The next step usually would be for them to publish the consultation findings along with their recommendations but we do not have an indication as to when to expect that.

Their focus I should imagine, is on the new regulations to enable moving traffic enforcement which will also consolidate all into one set for England outside of London and perhaps the pavement parking conclusions will follow once they have that all sorted – if so then that would take us to late spring/early summer.

III. DfT Advice Note - changes to regulations and implementation

Please find attached the latest advice note from DfT regarding the changes to Civil Enforcement of Parking, Bus Lane, and Moving Traffic Contraventions

This note covers the administrative changes required for CPE and bus lane enforcement which councils who currently reference the regs will need to undertake. Although the commencement date of the regs is 1st June, the changes to be made to take effect on 31st May.

See Appendix 1

IV. Sorting Office in Tannery Lane Petition

Once a petition is formally submitted, I, the Team Leader for Parking Highways and Transport PHT will produce a report for a debate and a recommendation at the next Council meeting (21st April).

Portfolio Holder's Views

4. To be provided at the meeting.

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