

# Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee Task & Finish Group 2015/16

## *Car Parking Charges*

### Planning & Scoping Document

<b>Context</b>	<p>The Environmental &amp; Public Protection Scrutiny Committee has a key role to play in monitoring services, development of key policies and strategies, as well as identifying areas for improvement or development.</p> <p>At its meeting on 15th May 2015, the Environmental &amp; Public Protection Scrutiny Committee agreed to establish a task and finish group to research different approaches to car parking charges that could be applied in the county.</p> <p>Following consideration of a report on Llanelli Car Parks at its meeting on the 28th September 2015, the Executive Board also requested that the Group explore the option of introducing a pay on exit system at the Llanelli multi-storey car park in lieu of the pay and display / pay on foot system.</p>
<b>Membership</b>	<p><b><u>Elected Members</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr. Peter Cooper (Chair)</li> <li>• Cllr. Alun Davies</li> <li>• Cllr. Ivor Jackson</li> <li>• Cllr. John Jenkins</li> <li>• Cllr. Elwyn Williams</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Advisors / Support Officers</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve Pilliner (Head of Transport &amp; Engineering, Environment Department)</li> <li>• John McEvoy (Road Safety &amp; Traffic Manager, Environment Department)</li> <li>• Matthew Hughes (Assistant Consultant, Chief Executive's Department)</li> </ul>
<b>The main aims of the review</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research different approaches to car parking charges that could be applied in the county</li> <li>• To formulate recommendations for consideration by the Executive</li> </ul>

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<b>Scope of the study</b>	<p>This review will focus on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charging Policy (to include Transport Strategy &amp; Policy)</li> <li>• Legislation relating to Traffic Management and Parking</li> <li>• The purpose of parking charges</li> <li>• Car park demand / usage</li> <li>• Revenue distribution and impact of reducing charges</li> <li>• Research evidence on the impact of car park charging</li> <li>• Main town centre footfall</li> <li>• Car park charges and competitiveness including socio-economic issues</li> </ul>
<b>How it will contribute to achieving corporate / community objectives and priorities</b>	<p>Contributes to the following outcomes from the County Council's Corporate Strategy 2015-20 and Carmarthenshire's Integrated Community Strategy 2011-16:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making the best use of resources</li> <li>• People who live, work and visit Carmarthenshire are safe and feel safer</li> <li>• Carmarthenshire's communities and environment are sustainable</li> <li>• Carmarthenshire has a stronger and more prosperous economy</li> </ul>
<b>Initial list of key officers, stakeholders, partners or other agencies to involve</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve Pilliner (Head of Transport &amp; Engineering)</li> <li>• John McEvoy (Road Safety &amp; Traffic Manager)</li> <li>• Representatives from Regeneration &amp; Policy Division</li> </ul>
<b>What information / documents are required to inform the work of the study?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carmarthenshire parking data (e.g. charges and usage)</li> <li>• Parking data from other authorities for comparison purposes</li> <li>• Case studies from other local authorities (including initiatives)</li> <li>• Data and analysis from the Council's recent initiative in Llanelli offering two hour period of free car parking between 3:00 and 5:00pm during October</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any submissions from members of the public</li> <li>• Relevant traffic management and parking legislation</li> <li>• Car parking research reports (e.g. Welsh Government commissioned 'Impact of Car Park Charges' Research Report, Association of Town &amp; City Management, British Parking Association, RAC Foundation reports)</li> <li>• Integrated Parking Strategy for Carmarthenshire (December 2005)</li> <li>• Regional Transport Plan / Local Transport Plan / Wales Transport Strategy</li> <li>• Llanelli Car Parks report (Executive Board, 28th September 2015)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Timescale for completion of the review</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 24th September 2015 – Group Meeting 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To agree aim and overall approach for the review</li> </ul> <p><b>Monday 9th November 2015 – Group Meeting 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charging Policy (to include Transport Strategy &amp; Policy)</li> <li>• Legislation relating to Traffic Management and Parking</li> <li>• Car park charges and competitiveness including socio-economic issues</li> <li>• Research evidence on the impact of car park charging</li> </ul> <p><b>Thursday 17th December 2015</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking trends / Car park usage data</li> <li>• Summary of recent consultation relating to car parking charges</li> <li>• Pay on Exit Systems</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday 15th January 2016 – Group Meeting 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration of possible initiatives</li> <li>• Findings of Llanelli parking pilot</li> <li>• Town centre footfall data</li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday 9th February 2016 – Group Meeting 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drawing Conclusions / Final Report (Summary of key findings / draft recommendations)</li> </ul>