



**North Yorkshire County Council
Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee – 19 March 2020
Update on the Harrogate & Knaresborough Parking Strategy**

1.0 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To update members on the progress of the Harrogate and Knaresborough Parking Strategy.

2.0 Progress to date

- 2.1 North Yorkshire County Council officers continue to work with Harrogate Borough Council officers and consultant partners WSP to develop a parking strategy for the urban areas of Harrogate and Knaresborough setting out the strategic approach for on and off-street parking over the next 5-year period.
- 2.2 This strategy will be based on a combination of surveys, benchmarking and best practises from around the country for both on and off-street parking, including permit and disc zones and provision for electric vehicles. The outcome of which is to realise significant improvements to the current parking offer in terms of availability, suitability and bring about notable traffic management benefits.
- 2.3 It is intended to present the draft strategy to the Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee for comment at the meeting on 22 November 2020 prior to it being presented for approval by the Executive by the end of this year.
- 2.4 It is envisaged that the objectives of the strategy will be set into short, medium and long term deliverables ie 0-1 year, 1-3 years and 3-5 years, with any measures resulting from the strategy being subject to the appropriate consultation exercise at that time.
- 2.5 There is also a need to co-ordinate the delivery of any recommendations from the strategy with a number of other projects in Harrogate such as schemes resulting from the Harrogate Transport Improvement Project to ensure that all the schemes work in harmony and do not negate or compromise the positive impact of others.
- 2.6 Any projects that come out of the parking strategy must also maintain the strategic approach to parking management to encourage drivers to firstly seek off-street parking by making on-street parking more expensive and/or time restricted than off-street.

3.0 Equalities implications

3.1 As this report is for information only, it is the view of officers that the recommendations included in this report do not have any adverse impacts on any of the protected characteristics identified in the Equalities Act 2010 and no equalities impact screening is required.

4.0 Finance implications

4.1 As this report is for information only, it is the view of officers that the recommendations included in this report do not have any financial implications.

5.0 Legal implications

5.1 As this report is for information only, it is the view of officers that the recommendations included in this report do not have any financial implications.

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 It is recommended that members;
- i) Note the update on the development of a dedicated on and off-street parking strategy for Harrogate and Knaresborough.

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