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**REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH &
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
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TITLE:	RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING a. PROPOSALS FOR STATUTORY CONSULTATION b. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE INVESTIGATION		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides proposals for the Cintra Close, Shilling Close area and Grovelands Road area Resident Permit Parking (RPP) schemes, which have been developed following informal consultations. The Sub-Committee is asked to agree for these schemes to be progressed to statutory consultation.
- 1.2 This report also provides an update on requests that the Council has received for the introduction of new RPP schemes including the progress of developing schemes and any new requests that have been received since the previous update.
- 1.3 Appendix 1 - Proposals for Cintra Close scheme
Appendix 2 - Proposals for the Shilling Close area scheme
Appendix 3 - Proposals for the Grovelands Road area scheme
Appendix 4 - Updated list of requests for future investigation

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.

- 2.2 That the Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to carry out the statutory consultations and advertise the proposals in Appendix 1 - 3, in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.
- 2.3 That subject to no objections being received, the Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make the Traffic Regulation Orders.
- 2.4 That any objections received during the statutory consultation be reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.
- 2.5 That the Network & Parking Services Manager, in consultation with the appropriate Lead Councillor be authorised to make minor changes to the proposals.
- 2.6 That no public enquiry be held into the proposals.
- 2.7 That the Sub-Committee considers whether the requests on Appendix 4 are retained for future development, or removed.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The provision of waiting (parking) restrictions and associated criteria is specified within existing Traffic Management Policies and Standards.

4. BACKGROUND & RECOMMENDATIONS

Part A: Proposals for Statutory Consultation

- 4.1 Informal consultations were carried out in October 2019 asking residents for their feedback on potential resident permit parking schemes in Cintra Close, the Shilling Close area and the Grovelands Road area. The results of these consultations, alongside those undertaken for other potential schemes have previously been reported to the Sub-Committee.
- 4.2 Officers and Ward Councillors have considered the feedback that was received during the informal consultation stages and have been developing proposals for statutory consultation.

The impact of the COVID-19 outbreak has had a significant impact on the development and delivery of other schemes in their works programme, added additional urgent works programmes and has

added challenges for the necessary survey and design work for this programme. It is regretful, therefore, that it was not possible to develop these scheme designs sooner.

- 4.3 Appendix documents 1 - 3 provide the scheme proposals and it is recommended that these schemes be progressed to statutory consultation.

The Sub-Committee is asked to note that the proposed schemes will apply only to areas of adopted public Highway, so areas marked as 'non-Highway' or 'Private land' are not proposed to become part of the RPP scheme. Please also note that some areas of existing yellow lining is proposed to remain in place (this will not be labelled) or adjusted (this will be labelled).

Part B: Requests for Future Investigation

- 4.4 Appendix 4 provides the list of requests that have been received for Resident Permit Parking (RPP) schemes across the borough. Where the Sub-Committee has previously allocated a priority to a scheme, this has been recorded and adjusted, following delivery of other schemes. Where a request has previously been reported to the Sub-Committee, but not allocated a priority, this has been recorded as 'N/A', along with any schemes that are 'new' for this update.
- 4.5 The Sub-Committee may wish to allocate priorities to particular schemes on this list, although they are asked to note that scheme development is resource-intensive and this limited resource is shared between this and many other works programmes. Prioritisation will influence the order in which potential schemes are developed, but not necessarily expedite their development over other programmes.
- 4.6 The Sub-Committee may wish for requests not to be pursued and these can be removed from the list.
- 4.7 It is the recommendation of Officers that Resident Permit Parking is considered on an area basis, not street-by-street. The list contains some requests from single streets, but it is hoped that this list will prompt consideration of such restrictions from neighbouring streets to create an area scheme before it becomes an active project. Where this occurs, the listed request will be adjusted accordingly.

Officers will seek to work with Ward Councillors, the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport and the Chair of the Traffic Management Sub-Committee to agree an initial area that should be considered alongside the original request, once a potential scheme becomes an active project.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

5.1 This proposal contributes to the Council's priorities, as set out below:

- Keeping Reading's environment clean, green and safe
- Ensuring the Council is fit for the future

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The Council declared a Climate Emergency at its meeting on 26 February 2019 (Minute 48 refers).

6.2 The decisions and recommendations of this report are not expected to have any significant environmental implications.

6.3 Managed parking schemes in residential areas could have a positive impact to air quality in those areas, by removing vehicle movements caused by commuters, for example, searching for unrestricted parking. Commuters may then be more open to alternative travel modes (e.g. public transport, including park & ride) or to use the facilities that will more efficiently accommodate them (e.g. car parks).

7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

7.1 Statutory consultation will be conducted in accordance with appropriate legislation. Notices will be advertised in the local printed newspaper and will be erected on lamp columns within the affected area.

7.2 Objectors to statutory consultations will be contacted with the decision of the Sub-Committee, following publication of the agreed meeting minutes.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Changes to Traffic Regulation Orders require advertisement and consultation, under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

8.2 Necessary changes to Highway signing and lining will need to be implemented in accordance with the Traffic Signs, Regulations and General Directions 2016.

9. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

9.1 In addition to the Human Rights Act 1998 the Council is required to comply with the Equalities Act 2010. Section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010 requires the Council to have due regard to the need to:-

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

9.2 It is not considered that an Equality Impact Assessment is relevant as the proposals are not deemed to be discriminatory to persons with protected characteristics and statutory consultations provide an opportunity for the content of objections/support/concerns to be considered prior to a decision being made on whether to implement the proposals.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The cost of a scheme will be dependent on the type of restrictions applied (the signing and lining requirements), the extent and the complexity of the scheme.

10.2 Funding will need to be identified prior to the implementation of any scheme. This funding will be sought from within Capital budgets, prioritising that provided from external funding sources such as Section 106 or CIL funding wherever possible.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 Resident Permit Parking Update (Traffic Management Sub-Committee, September 2020)