

DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

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AGENDA ITEM 12

Subject:	Chelmsford Town Centre Car Parking Strategy
Report by:	DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND BUILDING CONTROL SERVICES

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with a copy of the working draft of the Chelmsford Town Centre Car Parking Strategy that will be presented to Cabinet on 17 July 2007 for approval.

Recommendation(s)

1. That the Committee agrees the principles and approach in the Chelmsford Town Centre Car Parking Strategy, in order that the document can be presented to cabinet, with a recommendation for adoption.

Corporate Implications

Legal:	None
Financial:	Some elements of the Strategy potentially involve sale and/or redevelopment of the Council's car parks.
Personnel:	None
Risk Management:	None
Equalities and Diversity:	None
Health and Safety:	None
IT:	None
Other:	The Car Parking Strategy will be a background paper to the Local Development Framework, Core Strategy and Chelmsford Town Centre Area Action Plan and forms part of the LDF Evidence Base.

Consultees:	Technical Services
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Policies and Strategies

The report takes into account the following policies and strategies of the Council:

Emerging Local Development Framework Documents

Core Strategy and Development Control Policies – Submission DPD
Chelmsford Town Centre Area Action Plan – Submission DPD

The Chelmsford Borough Local Development Framework takes into account all published strategies of the Borough Council, together with the Community Plan published by The Chelmsford Partnership.

Corporate Priorities

The report relates to the following corporate priority/priorities [tick the relevant box]

Social Inclusion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Excellent Customer Services	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regeneration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Value for Money	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Report

1. The Car Parking Strategy will be a background paper to the Local Development Framework, Core Strategy and Chelmsford Town Centre Area Action Plan and forms part of the LDF Evidence Base. It examines in greater detail than the Core Strategy and TCAAP the objectives, policy context and key drivers influencing car parking in the town centre over the period up to 2021. It:
 - is a strategy for the whole of the town centre
 - establishes the key drivers of change affecting future car parking provision for shopping, leisure, travel to work/employment
 - sets out the strategy for matching parking provision to growth
 - will be monitored and reviewed as the town centre develops over the period to 2021.
- 2 This draft version of the Car Parking Strategy sets out the drivers of change, summarises the current situation of parking provision, discusses the strategy for car parking provision in the town centre, and addresses in particular the provision necessary to meet the retail growth outlined in Policy CP23 of the Core Strategy.
- 3 The document before the Committee requires further work :-
 - to present the Council's approach with regard to parking provision on a number of key redevelopment sites, e.g. the Essex County Cricket Ground, Riverside Ice and Leisure and the Civic Centre
 - to present the strategy in spatial terms – which will be map-based
 - to prepare a conclusion to the document – which will identify the key elements of the strategy

This work will be completed ahead of Cabinet.
- 4 The draft Chelmsford Town Centre Car Parking Strategy is to follow, and will be addressed ahead of the meeting.

List of Appendices

Nil

Background Papers

Nil