

# NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING TOWN CENTRE PARKING

Council	<b>12 January 2022</b>
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Portfolio Holder	<b>Councillor D Saunders, Cabinet Member for Finance</b>
Status	<b>For Decision</b>
Classification:	<b><i>Unrestricted</i></b>
Key Decision	<b>No</b>
Ward:	<b>All Wards</b>

## **Executive Summary:**

This Council will consider a notice of motion requesting that the Council commits to conducting a district wide impact assessment that will assess the impact of town centre residential developments on the availability of on and off street parking, and to develop solutions that support the community in response to the findings.

## **Recommendation(s):**

Council is invited to consider whether to debate the motion.

## **Corporate Implications**

### **Financial and Value for Money**

None arising directly from this report.

### **Legal**

Council Procedure Rule 3.7 states that: “the Member whose name appears first on the notice will move the motion during his or her speech and call for a seconder. If seconded, a Member from the controlling political group will be entitled to a reply, after which the motion shall stand referred without further discussion to the Cabinet or appropriate committee for determination or report unless the Council decides to debate the motion in accordance with Rule 16” (*rules of debate*)

### **Corporate**

Council Procedure Rule 3 provides the opportunity for Councillors to give advance notice of motions to be put to Council.

### **Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty**

Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

Protected characteristics: age, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.

There are no specific equalities issues arising from this report.

## **CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- *Communities*

### **1.0 Introduction and Background**

1.1 The following motion has been received from Councillor Crittenden in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 3:

“The growth of town centre residential developments throughout the District are putting pressure on residential and visitor parking, to the detriment of both residents and visitors.

Whilst it is within the Local Plan, in accordance with National Policy and consistent with climate change targets, that parking facilities will not be required or expected for residential development planning applications within town centres, this does not take into account the needs of workers, especially keyworkers, or residents with disabilities, who genuinely need access to their own transport. Few of those most affected are in a position to pay for resident parking schemes or annual season tickets for car parks. The result has been increased pressure on what limited parking is available in the streets surrounding our town centres and beyond.

Thanet District Council recognises these challenges and commits to undertake a District wide impact assessment of increased pressures on both on and off street parking in our town centres arising from the expansion of town centre residential development, taking into account relevant factors such as access to electric vehicle charging, public transport links, cycle storage and pedestrian safety (especially at night), in consultation with KCC, ward councillors, other stakeholders (eg public transport providers) and the public, in order to develop solutions that support the community, recognising the need for some groups to have access to safe personal transport due to work conditions or disadvantage.”

### **2.0 Options**

2.1 To debate the motion,

2.2 Not to debate the motion, in which case the motion will fall.

2.3 If debated, following the conclusion of the debate, the only action that may be taken is to refer the motion to Cabinet as the motion refers to an issue which would be considered as part of the Local Plan Review. Part 3.8 (v) of the Council Procedure Rules states:

"The Chair shall rule out of order any motion on notice that relates to the adoption of, or amendment to, a policy falling within the Council's adopted Policy Framework if that policy or amendment (as the case may be) has not first been proposed by the Cabinet..... "

Therefore, it is appropriate for Council to refer the issue to Cabinet for further consideration in its work for the Local Plan Review.

### **3.0 Decision Making Process**

3.1 It is for Council to decide whether or not to debate the motion, and if it does so, to then refer it to Cabinet.

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#### **Annex List**

There are no annexes with this report.

#### **Background Papers**

There are no background papers with this report.

#### **Corporate Consultation**

**Finance:** Chris Blundell, Director of Finance

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