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**C/18/39**

**To:** Cabinet Member for Transport and Commercial  
**Date:** 4 October 2018  
**Status:** Non-Key Decision  
**Head of Service:** Andy Blazkowicz, Head of Commercial and Technical Services

**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Ann Berry, Cabinet Member for Transport and Commercial

**SUBJECT:** PARKING REVIEW - ROADS CLOSE TO PRINCES PARADE, HYTHE

**SUMMARY:** This report outlines the findings of a recent parking review carried out in roads close to Princes Parade, Hythe, following the introduction of the 'pay & display' scheme.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Cabinet Member for Transport and Commercial is asked to agree the recommendations set out below because:

- a) There isn't sufficient evidence that the parking controls introduced in Princes Parade in April this year have substantially displaced parking into the roads shown in appendix 1.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- a) To receive and note Report C/18/39.
- b) That a further review be carried out during the summer of 2019, and that officers report the findings in the early autumn of 2019.

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1. Cabinet agreed on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 (report number C/17/19) to implement a 'pay & display' scheme along Princes Parade, Hythe. Cabinet also agreed to not progress the proposals in Sandgate Esplanade but to review the parking in and around this area, three months after implementation.

## **2. PARKING REVIEW METHODOLOGY AND RESULTS**

- 2.1 The review took the form of occupancy surveys carried out by officers on selected dates between the 13<sup>th</sup> August and 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018.
- 2.2 17 roads and the Hythe Swimming Pool car park were surveyed. Vehicles observed in the mornings were assumed to belong to local people, and have been excluded from the average occupancy figures. The length of the parking bay is deemed to be 5.5 metres, which is over the required 4.5m minimum length.
- 2.3 Appendix 1 provides full details of the surveys, and gives an indication of the level of demand for parking in the roads listed.
- 2.4 It should be noted that there must be a genuine need for a parking scheme for one to be introduced. Where occupancy levels exceed 70%, and it is deemed that over 60% of spaces are occupied consistently by non-residents, consideration should be given to a possible parking scheme for that area.
- 2.5 The results show that although a few of the roads (Sandgate Esplanade, Twiss Road, Marine Parade and South Road), had occupancy levels above 70%, the vast majority of the roads had low occupancy figures. Local residents will still be able to find parking spaces in all of the roads, and in any of the days the surveys were carried out.
- 2.6 There were a few roads such as Encombe and Prospect Road in Sandgate, where the surveys do not provide a full picture. The results suggest low occupancy figures but the junctions were very busy. Officers have also received representations from residents about parking and access problems in these roads.

## **3. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The results indicate there is increased occupancy in at least four roads, namely, Sandgate Esplanade, Twiss Road, Marine Parade and South Road. However, there was still capacity in all of the roads in the dates the surveys were carried out. The Princes Parade 'pay & display' scheme is only operational between April and September so it is unlikely there will be any displacement parking issues from October to April.
- 3.2 In view of the above, it is recommended that a further review is carried out during the summer of 2019, and the findings are reported to the Cabinet Member for Transport during of autumn 2019. It is expected that this review will provide a full and clear picture of any actual displacement parking issues.

3.3 Safety schemes are matters for the highway authority. Officers will continue to monitor parking at the junctions of Encombe and Prospect Road, and will report findings to KCC officers.

#### **4. LEGAL/FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS**

##### **4.1 Legal Officer's Comments (DK)**

There are no legal implications arising directly out of this report.

##### **4.2 Finance Officer's Comments (RH)**

There are no financial implications arising directly out of this report

##### **4.3 Diversities and Equalities Implications (FM)**

There are no diversity or equality implications directly affected by this report.

#### **5. CONTACT OFFICERS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Councillors with any questions arising out of this report should contact the following officer prior to the meeting

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The following background documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report:

None

#### **Appendices:**

Appendix 1 – Full occupancy survey results

Appendix 2- Photos taken on dates between 13<sup>th</sup> August and 16<sup>th</sup> September