

Title of Report:	Update – Car Park Permit Pilot Scheme
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
For Decision or For Information	For Information

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)			
Strategic Theme	Improvement and Innovation		
Outcome	A Sustainable, Accessible Environment		
Lead Officer	Head of Capital Works, Energy & Infrastructure		

Budgetary Considerations				
Cost of Proposal				
Included in Current Year Estimates	NO			
Capital/Revenue	capital			
Code				
Staffing Costs				

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.			
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:	
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:	
Rural Needs Assessment	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:	
(RNA)	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:	
Data Protection Impact	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:	
Assessment (DPIA)	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:	

## 1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide members with an update in relation to the car park permit pilot scheme.

## 2.0 Background

2.1 A car park permit pilot scheme was implemented in July 2020 for residents adjacent to Townhead Street car park Ballymoney and East Strand car park Portrush. This was in relation to charging commencing in both car parks and concerns over residents not being able to park their vehicles at their properties.

Officers were asked to provide a thorough consultation process in respect of this scheme and brought a paper to the August 2021 ES Committee meeting and provided cost estimates associated with the consultation.

The decision of this meeting was to recommend that Council continue with the current scheme for a further 3 months and lobby Dfl on the subject.

2.2 Council officers contacted the Office of Dfl Minister Nicola Mallon MLA on the subject of residents parking.

*Appendix 1* – Reply to Council Infrastructure Department.

## 3.0 Update

The reply received state that the review of residents' parking schemes is now complete and Dfl plan to make the report public in due course. The report will set out lessons learnt from the scheme in Belfast and the other schemes that did not make it to implementation, and will be used to establish the policy for such schemes going forward.

Dfl Network Development Manager Alan Keys has stated in his reply, "We will consider all requests for residents' parking schemes in Causeway Coast and Glens in light of the findings."

Residents parking schemes remain the sole responsibility of DfI Roads and as such Officers will communicate with those who currently avail of a permit as part of the pilot scheme in early January 2022 and serve one months' notice that the permit is being withdrawn.



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Dear Thomas

## **RESIDENTS PARKING PERMITS - REQUEST FOR UPDATE**

I refer to your email dated 5 October 2021 regarding the above matter. I have been asked to respond as this falls under my area of responsibility.

The first residents' parking scheme in Rugby Road / College Park Avenue, Belfast, came into operation during April 2018. A review of the scheme, which reflects the needs, experiences and feedback of residents, has recently been completed. The Minister is currently working with officials to make sure that any lessons learnt from this scheme, and the other potential schemes that did not make it to implementation, inform wider policy on implementation of residents' parking schemes.

I can confirm that any findings will be made publically available and we will consider all requests for residents' parking schemes in the Causeway Coast & Glens area in light of these findings.

Yours sincerely

ALAN KEYS Network Development Manager

