Appendix 1

Cabinet Response to Overview and Scrutiny Recommendations Completed Action Plan Permit Parking

In accordance with Section 21B of the Local Government Act 2000, Cabinet is required to provide a response to the recommendations of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee within 2 months. In providing this response Cabinet is asked to state whether or not it accepts each recommendation and the reasons for this decision. Cabinet must also indicate what action, if any, it proposes to take.

Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Recommendation	Officer Commentary	Cabinet Decision (Accept or reject)	Action to be taken (if any) and timescale for completion
Technology Solutions			
Recommendation 1: That a virtual permit system [with an online application process] be introduced for the administration of parking permits, subject to consideration of the most appropriate model/software to meet the Council's needs.	The existing permit system is complex, potentially confusing for the public, relatively difficult to administer and in some instances vulnerable to abuse. The review by Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee represents an opportunity to provide a consistent, simplified and effective permit management system. A business case would need to be developed in order for a new virtual permit system to be implemented: this will set out the benefits of the proposed system	Accept subject to the development of, and obtaining approval for, a business case for a new virtual permit system and the identification of capital funding to implement this.	Anticipated completion of outline business case by October 2016. Subject to the identification of appropriate funding, engage with a software provider and develop full business case for a new virtual permit system.

	and detail the financial aspects		
	of this.		
Recommendation 2: That initially a hybrid virtual permit system should be introduced, with non-transferable	See officer comments for Recommendation 1.	Accept subject to the development of, and obtaining	Anticipated completion of outline business case by October 2016.
resident permits being virtual [being electronic permits registered online] and transferable permits, such as residents' visitor permits, being paper- based. Both options would have an on-line application facility to improve the service to the customer. The	The hybrid system, if introduced, would be reviewed after 12 months this will allow officers to assess the success of the system and whether the system can be developed further towards a fully virtual solution.	approval for, a business case for a new virtual permit system and the identification of capital funding to implement this.	Subject to the identification of appropriate funding, engage with a software provider and develop full business case for a new virtual permit system. Officers, in consultation with the
hybrid system would be reviewed at the end of the first year to see if a fully virtual option was recommended.			Cabinet Member for Housing and Transport, to carry out a review 12 months after any such system were to become operational.
Recommendation 3: That the virtual permit system be implemented across the borough simultaneously, with	See officer comments for Recommendation 1.	Accept subject to the development of, and obtaining	Anticipated completion of outline business case by October 2016.
support for residents available via customer service centres as required.	The proposal may be easier for the public to understand and accept if it is implemented across the borough simultaneously.	approval for, a business case for a new virtual permit system and the identification of capital funding to implement this.	Subject to the identification of appropriate funding, engage with a software provider and develop full business case for a new virtual permit system.
Resident Permits			
Recommendation 4: That resident parking permits be made available as follows: i. An annual charge of £25 to be	The development of a permit parking policy is an important piece of work as it will remove ambiguity which exist in the	Accept subject to the development of a formal permit parking policy which	A formal permit parking policy to be developed by October 2016.

	introduced for all resident permits,	present system and allow a	shows the financial	
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	with the charge reviewed on an	more user-friendly system to be	impact of these	
	annual basis to ensure the costs of	provided.	proposals. If there is	
	the service can be met;	.	a proposed net cost	
ii.	To allow a maximum of 3 non-	Once developed, this could be	to the Authority the	
	transferable resident permits per	appended to the existing North	proposal will be	
	household, plus 1 transferrable	Tyneside Parking Strategy, in	brought back to	
	residents visitor permit, each at an	advance of the full refresh of the	Cabinet/Council as	
	annual cost of £25;	Parking Strategy planned for	appropriate for	
iii.	Households with an appropriate	2017/18.	approval.	
	off-road parking facility to be			
	restricted to 2 resident permits per	As such, it is recommended that		
	household, plus 1 transferrable	a fully costed permit parking		
	residents' visitor permit;	policy be developed to reflect		
iv.	Resident permits to be virtual	the comments made by		
	permits registered by vehicle	Overview, Scrutiny and Policy		
	registration number and	Development Committee.		
	implemented via a virtual system;	Bevelopment committee.		
v	All permits to be renewed on an	The changes will require an		
۷.	annual basis with the charge	amendment to the Traffic		
	implemented at the next renewal;	Regulation Order.		
	- · · · · · · · ·	Regulation Order.		
vi.				
	permit to be available per			
	household at a charge of £25 –			
	this would be a transferable paper			
	based permit;			
VII.	One transferrable residents visitor			
	permit to be made available to			
	households within shared use			
	permit schemes at a charge of £25			
viii.	The current paper-based			
	scratchcard system for multiple			

 visitors be discontinued and replaced with a virtual system, with an option for residents to telephone the parking services team who would be able to book time on-line. This option would continue to be specific to permit only restrictions and charged at £1 for a maximum of 3 hours. Recommendation 5: That the Council only consider shared use schemes (i.e. limited waiting with an exemption for permits or pay and display with an exemption for permits) in areas that have a high level of commercial demand, to support the vitality of these areas. This should apply to all schemes moving forward, but would not be retro fit to such areas that already have a resident-only permit scheme. 	It is recommended that a fully costed permit parking policy be developed to reflect the comments made by Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee. This would be appended to the updated Parking Strategy, following its planned refresh in 2017.	Accept subject to the development of a formal permit parking policy which shows the financial impact of these proposals. If there is a proposed net cost to the Authority the proposal will be brought back to Cabinet/Council as appropriate for approval.	A formal permit parking policy to be developed by October 2016.
Recommendation 6: That the income generated from permits to be used to support the operational costs of the permit parking system and consideration be given to any surplus generated to be used to fund new permit parking schemes that meet the Council's criteria and wider network management objectives.	This will be investigated further to establish the financial and other implications of this recommendation.	Instruct officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Transport, to carry out further work to investigate the implications of this recommendation	Officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Transport, to investigate the financial and other implications of this recommendation.

Recommendation 7:	That the	It is recommended that a fully	Accept subject to	A formal permit parking policy to
following modified parl	king assessment	costed permit parking policy be	the development of	be developed by October 2016.
criteria be adopted:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	developed to reflect the	a formal permit	
Criteria	Level	comments made by Overview,	parking policy which	
1. Amount of on-	at least 85%	Scrutiny and Policy	shows the financial	
street parking available	of parking	Development Committee. This would be appended to the	impact of these proposals. If there is	
avaliable	space occupied for	updated Parking Strategy,	a proposed net cost	
	at least 3	following its planned refresh in	to the Authority the	
	hours per day	2017.	proposal will be	
2. Amount of on-	at least 30%		brought back to	
street parking	of parked		Cabinet/Council as	
used by non-	vehicles		appropriate for	
residents	estimated to		approval.	
	be non-			
	residents			
3. Only shared use	-			
restrictions to be				
implemented in areas that have				
commercial				
demand				
4. Hours of	-			
restriction to be				
appropriate to				
the parking				
problem				
identified				
5. Level of resident	at least 51%			
support for	of households			
scheme	in the street			
	to respond in			

favour			
Recommendation 8: That the introduction of the new system will include a guarantee that permit areas will be monitored for enforcement at least once per day.	The deployment of the enforcement team could be adapted to reflect this, subject to an ongoing review confirming that sufficient staff resource could be provided.	Accept subject to an ongoing review confirming that sufficient staff resource could be provided.	The deployment of the enforcement team will be adapted following consideration of this report to comply with this recommendation, subject to an ongoing review confirming that sufficient staff resource could be provided.
Recommendation 9: That existing permit schemes can be withdrawn in instances where a majority of households within a scheme do not wish the scheme to continue.	It is recommended that a fully costed permit parking policy be developed to reflect the comments made by Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee. This would be appended to the updated Parking Strategy, following its planned refresh in 2017.	Accept subject to the development of a formal permit parking policy which shows the financial impact of these proposals. If there is a proposed net cost to the Authority the proposal will be brought back to Cabinet/Council as appropriate for approval.	A formal permit parking policy to be developed by October 2016.
Business Permits			
Recommendation 10: All businesses to be permitted to apply for one transferable business permit, at a charge of £250 per annum, with no requirement for the vehicle to be for essential operational use.	It is recommended that a fully costed permit parking policy be developed to reflect the comments made by Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee. This would be appended to the updated Parking Strategy,	Instruct officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Transport, to carry out further work to investigate the implications of this	Officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Transport, to investigate the implications of this recommendation.

Recommendation 11: Permits to be transferable paper-based permits, limited by area rather than zone, with an on line application process and eligibility checked against business rate information or other verification criteria.	following its planned refresh in 2017. This will require further investigation to understand its implications for parking in town centres more widely and on the finances of the Authority. It is recommended that a fully costed permit parking policy be developed to reflect the comments made by Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee. This would be appended to the updated Parking Strategy, following its planned refresh in 2017.	recommendation Accept subject to the development of a formal permit parking policy which shows the financial impact of these proposals. If there is a proposed net cost to the Authority the proposal will be brought back to Cabinet/Council as appropriate for approval.	A formal permit parking policy to be developed by October 2016.
Recommendation 12: The impact of this revised system to be reviewed after a year.	The permit parking policy, if introduced, would be reviewed after 12 months: this would allow officers to assess the success of the policy.	Accept: any such proposals, once introduced, will be evaluated.	Officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Transport, to assess the success of the policy, if introduced.
Recommendation 13: All current scratchcards for business use to be discontinued, with the exception of: i. Tradesman permit $-$ £1 for 3	It is recommended that a fully costed permit parking policy be developed to reflect the comments made by Overview,	Accept subject to the development of a formal permit parking policy which	A formal permit parking policy to be developed by October 2016.

 hours, only applicable in permit only restrictions; ii. Bed and breakfast permit – to be continued but charge to be increased to £5 for 24 hours, valid in shared use and permit only restrictions. In line with other proposals, these permits will be temporary virtual permits with an on-line application system. 	Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee. This would be appended to the updated Parking Strategy, following its planned refresh in 2017.	shows the financial impact of these proposals. If there is a proposed net cost to the Authority the proposal will be brought back to Cabinet/Council as appropriate for approval.	
Miscellaneous permits			
Recommendation 14: Care home resident permits be retained with the charge increased to £25 in line with the recommended charge for resident permits. These would be transferrable paper-based permits.	It is recommended that a fully costed permit parking policy be developed to reflect the comments made by Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee. This would be appended to the updated Parking Strategy, following its planned refresh in 2017.	Accept subject to the development of a formal permit parking policy which shows the financial impact of these proposals. If there is a proposed net cost to the Authority the proposal will be brought back to Cabinet/Council as appropriate for approval.	A formal permit parking policy to be developed by October 2016.
Recommendation 15: That the community workers permit and clock system be retained, with the charge increased from £20 to £25 in line with the recommended charge for resident	It is recommended that a fully costed permit parking policy be developed to reflect the comments made by Overview, Scrutiny and Policy	Accept subject to the development of a formal permit parking policy which shows the financial	A formal permit parking policy to be developed by October 2016.
permits, and the maximum length of	Development Committee. This	impact of these	

stay reduced to 2 hours.	would be appended to the updated Parking Strategy, following its planned refresh in 2017.	proposals. If there is a proposed net cost to the Authority the proposal will be brought back to Cabinet/Council as appropriate for approval.	
Recommendation 16: That Council permits be retained with the charge increased from £20 to £25 in line with the recommended charge for Resident permits.	It is recommended that a fully costed permit parking policy be developed to reflect the comments made by Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee. This would be appended to the updated Parking Strategy, following its planned refresh in 2017.	Accept subject to the development of a formal permit parking policy which shows the financial impact of these proposals. If there is a proposed net cost to the Authority the proposal will be brought back to Cabinet/Council as appropriate for approval.	A formal permit parking policy to be developed by October 2016.
Recommendation 17: That the current company car resident permit be discontinued, with residents able to use their transferable residents' visitor permit, or to register a change of registration number via the virtual system, as required.	It is recommended that a fully costed permit parking policy be developed to reflect the comments made by Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee. This would be appended to the updated Parking Strategy, following its planned refresh in 2017.	Accept subject to the development of a formal permit parking policy which shows the financial impact of these proposals. If there is a proposed net cost to the Authority the proposal will be	A formal permit parking policy to be developed by October 2016.

Recommendation 18: Church and community centre permits be discontinued as current take up is low.	It is recommended that a fully costed permit parking policy be developed to reflect the comments made by Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee. This would be appended to the updated Parking Strategy, following its planned refresh in 2017.	brought back to Cabinet/Council as appropriate for approval. Accept subject to the development of a formal permit parking policy which shows the financial impact of these proposals. If there is a proposed net cost to the Authority the proposal will be brought back to Cabinet/Council as	A formal permit parking policy to be developed by October 2016.
		appropriate for approval.	