

Motion 7 - APPRAISAL OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN WIRRAL

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1. Council notes that the provision of parking restrictions (e.g. yellow lines) throughout the Borough is inconsistent with restrictions present where they may no longer be required and no restrictions present on junctions which present a danger to road users.
2. Council notes the Secretary of State's Statutory Guidance to Local Authorities on the Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions...
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/609788/statutory-guidance-local-authorities-enforcement-parking-contraventions.pdf
3. Council notes para 6.1 which states:
Enforcement authorities should monitor their parking policies, enforcement regimes and associated regulatory framework (including penalty charge levels). They should appraise them when reviewing their Local Transport Plans and make recommendations for improvements to members.

Council is concerned that there has not been a comprehensive appraisal of parking restrictions in Wirral.

4. Council notes the guidance offered in para 6.4 which states:
 - *The appraisal should take account of:*
 - *existing and predicted levels of demand for parking;*
 - *the availability and pricing of on- and off-street parking places;*
 - *the impact on the local economy and the viability of local shops and high streets;*
 - *the justification for, and accuracy of, existing traffic orders;*
 - *the adequacy, accuracy and quality of traffic signing and road markings which restrict or permit parking;*
 - *the level of enforcement necessary for compliance;*
 - *the levels of penalty charges;*
 - *the need to resource the operation effectively and ensure that all parking staff are appropriately trained; and*
 - *impact on traffic flow, i.e. traffic or congestion outcomes.*

Council considers it is time that the Council undertakes such an appraisal in line with statutory guidance.

5. Council notes that when carrying out an appraisal, the guidance states at para 6.3:
The Secretary of State recommends that enforcement authorities consult locally on their parking policies when they appraise them. They should seek the views of

people and businesses with a range of different parking needs as well as taking into account the views of the Police.

Council considers that local Ward Members should also be consulted as the appraisal progresses.

6. Council therefore requests that Cabinet makes arrangements for a Wirral-wide review of its parking restrictions in line with statutory guidance.