

Overview and Scrutiny Board

2023

10th July

Scrutiny Investigation Proposal – Blue Badge Holders Parking on Council Car Parks

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor P. J. Whittaker, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Community Safety (including Car Parking)
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Guy Revans, Head of Environmental and Housing Property Services
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Wards Affected	All
Ward Councillor(s) consulted	Yes
Relevant Strategic Purpose(s)	
Non-Key Decision	
If you have any questions about this report, please contact the report author in advance of the meeting.	

1. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Overview and Scrutiny is asked to **RESOLVE** that:-

- 1) **Subject to any further suggestions and comments, the officer presentation be noted.**

2. **BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 A proposal has been submitted by a member of the public for consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Board. The proposal reads as follows: *“restore 3-hour free parking on council car parks for cars displaying a valid blue badge, either for the driver or passenger. This is widely accepted by local authorities, certainly true for our neighbouring authorities.”*
- 2.2 Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board agreed at the 6th June meeting that the proposal should initially be discussed at a Board meeting on 10th July 2023, when officers will deliver a presentation to consider the introductory background information relating to Council car parking policy and regarding parking for Blue Badge holders.

3. **OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

- 3.1 The presentation is aimed to provide background information on the issue and give Members an opportunity to ask questions of officers and/or request that further research be undertaken and presented at future Overview and Scrutiny Board meetings. Members could also decide that the proposal should be investigated as a Short Sharp Review or Task Group investigation, or that no further action is required at this point.
- 3.2 The topic of provision of free short term parking for Blue Badge holders on all Bromsgrove District Council car parks has been discussed by elected members on previous occasions, most recently at a meeting of the Finance and Budget Working Group on 17th November 2022.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications directly relating to this report. Any implications would be considered if Members are minded to proceed with further investigation of the proposal.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no legal implications directly relating to this report. Any implications would be considered if Members are minded to proceed with further investigation of the proposal.

6. OTHER - IMPLICATIONS

Relevant Strategic Purpose

- 6.1 Not applicable at this point.

Climate Change Implications

- 6.2 There are no climate change implications at this stage. The green thread runs through the Council plan.

Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 6.3 There are no equalities implications at this stage.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

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- 7.1 Not applicable at this stage as at this meeting there will be a consideration of background information available on the topic.

8. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1 – Officer Presentation on Council Car Parking (to follow).

Background Papers: Notes from the Finance and Budget Working Group meeting of 22nd November 2022 (restricted)