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New Parking Strategy Framework - Traffic Regulation Order - Changes to On Street Parking Places, Shrewsbury

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1. Summary

At its meeting on 25th July 2018 Cabinet resolved approval be granted for the making of the required Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to:

- i. to extend the hours of operation and charging on all on-street pay & display parking places within the Shrewsbury town centre river loop.
- ii. to retain the hours of operation and charging on all shared use pay and display /residents parking permit parking places within the Red Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) at 6.00pm within Ludlow town centre.

After the above decisions concerns have continued to be raised relating to the proposed extension of the hours of charging on all on and off street pay & display parking places within the Shrewsbury town centre river loop to 8.00pm. A request has recently been received from the Shrewsbury BID to retain the current hours of charging on all pay and display on-street at 6.00pm within the Shrewsbury river loop.

If Cabinet now wish to amend the Parking Strategy to retain the existing hours of charging (free parking after 6.00pm) on all on street pay and display parking places in Shrewsbury, Cabinet will also need to revisit the decision made on 25 July 2018 regarding the changes to the TRO.

The existing TRO relating to on street parking is the Shropshire Council (On-Street Parking Places) Order 2011. Shropshire Council has a statutory requirement to advertise proposals to make a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and give due consideration to the comments and objections received before making an Order

2. Recommendation

That if Cabinet resolves to amend the Parking Strategy to retain the existing hours of charging on- street parking places in Shrewsbury and Ludlow the approval granted at Cabinet on 25 July 2018 for the making of the required Traffic Regulation Order relating to the implementation of the Parking Strategy be amended to retain the hours of operation and charging on all on-street pay & display parking places within Shrewsbury town centre river loop. Meaning that charging shall continue to only apply until 6.00pm.

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

This report only deals with recommendations related to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for on-street parking places within Shrewsbury town centre river loop, and the possible retention of the existing hours of charging at 6.00pm. Identified risks specific to the potential changes to Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for off-street parking places car parks are shown in the table below:

Table 1: Identified risks -Shrewsbury

Proposal	Risk	Mitigation Measure
Retention of the hours of charging at 6.00pm within Shrewsbury town centre river loop.	<p>Parking after 6.00pm will remain without regulation with continued congestion and limited ability to manage.</p> <p>Blue badge holders and none blue holders with mobility issues may be unable to park within a reasonable distance of their destination.</p> <p>The incentive to use off street car parks and hence reduce the number of vehicles/ traffic within the river loop will be lost. Limited turnover, hence late on arrivals displaced Drivers will choose to</p>	<p>Monitor and review following implementation.</p> <p>Reconsider proposal to extend hours of operation and charging if deemed appropriate.</p> <p>Monitor and review following implementation.</p> <p>Consider the replacement of existing pay and display parking places with additional disabled parking bays.</p> <p>Monitor and review following implementation.</p> <p>Reconsider proposal to extend hours of operation and charging if deemed appropriate.</p> <p>Undertake benefit cost</p>

	<p>park in the available free parking areas rather than use Raven Meadows multi storey car park, where additional funding is being allocated to facilitate extended hours of opening on the assumption that this proposal will be at least cost neutral.</p>	<p>analyses on extending the hours of opening of Raven Meadows multi storey car park.</p>
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4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The estimated funding requirements for Part 1 of the Proposed New Parking Strategy Framework are detailed within the January 17th, 2018 Cabinet report.

5. Background

- 5.1 At its meeting on 17th January 2018 Cabinet gave approval for the implementation of Part 1 of the new Parking Strategy framework this included a total of 22 recommendations.
- 5.2 Recommendation v of the 17th January 2018 Cabinet report included that the hours of charging using linear tariffs be extended until 8.00pm on the Shrewsbury pay and display on-street parking bays listed below:

Car Park	Town	Band
Shrewsbury On Street	Shrewsbury	Band 1

- 5.3 At its meeting on 25th July 2018 Cabinet resolved that approval be granted for the making of the required Traffic Regulation Order for the proposed extension to the hours of charging until 8.00pm on all on-street pay & display parking places within the Shrewsbury town centre river loop until 8.00pm.
- 5.4 Cabinet also resolved to retain the hours of operation and charging (8.00am to 6.00pm) on all shared use pay and display /residents parking permit parking places within the Red Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) within Ludlow town centre and therefore not to make changes to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order in that regard. .
- 5.5 The procedures for making Traffic Regulation Orders are set out in the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (as amended). In accordance with those procedures,

before making any required Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) a formal consultation relating to proposed changes needs to be undertaken.

- 5.6 Following approval of the Parking Strategy framework by Cabinet at its meeting on 17th January 2018 a TRO consultation exercise was undertaken between the 9th May 2018 and the 6th June 2018.
- 5.7 Shropshire Council has a statutory requirement to give due consideration to the comments and objections received during the formal consultation.
- 5.8 Consideration of all comments and objections received to the on-street parking places TRO consultation are considered in the July 25th Cabinet -New Parking Strategy Framework Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) decision report: Ludlow and Shrewsbury - Changes to On-Street Pay and Display and Loading.

6 Review of decisions, comments and objections received to the formal TRO proposals relating to the changes to On-Street Pay and Display charging periods within the Shrewsbury town centre river loop.

- 6.1 A total of 31 objections to the TRO proposals were considered to specifically relate to the proposed extension of hours on all pay & display parking places within the Shrewsbury town centre river loop.
- 6.2 At its meeting on 25th July 2018 Cabinet resolved to extend the hours of operation and charging on all on-street pay & display parking places within the Shrewsbury town centre river loop to 8.00pm.
- 6.3 Since this decision opposition to the evening charges proposal has continued to be received. A request has recently been received from the Shrewsbury BID to retain the current hours of charging on all pay and display on-street at 6.00pm within the Shrewsbury river loop. See Appendix A
- 6.4 If Cabinet now wish to amend the Parking Strategy to retain the existing hours of charging (free parking after 6.00pm on all on-street pay & display parking places within the Shrewsbury town centre river loop, Cabinet will need to resolve to amend their previous resolution to make an Order to amend the TRO to extend the hours implementation.
- 6.5 The risks associated with this potential amendment are highlighted within section 3 of this report.

7 Conclusions

- 7.1 The evening economy is increasingly about the 'experience' of the place, for example feeling safe, having choices of where to meet/eat/drink, leisure activities. There are challenges to overcome for our town centres encouraging dwell time into the evening (beyond 6pm) is one of the more challenging issues. The potential amendment does give response to the objections/ comments received.
- 7.2 The Council is not required to undertake further publicity before making the order. When the TRO is formally made and published as a made order it will then come in to force. The necessary practical matters to implement the order on the ground will be undertaken.
- 7.3 Taking all the above in to account if Cabinet approve an amendment to the Parking Strategy to retain the existing hours of charging for the on-street car parking referred to in this report the recommendation is to make the TRO as approved by Cabinet on 25th July with an amendment to retain the hours of operation and charging on all on-street pay & display parking places within and Shrewsbury town centre river loop. Meaning that charging shall continue to only apply until 6.00pm.
- 7.4 The TRO is still planned to be implemented in parts and in phases across the county. Implementation in Shrewsbury is now programmed for October 2018.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Shropshire Parking Review (Initial scoping review) – May 2014

Report on Shropshire Parking Strategy - Mouchel – January 2015

Shropshire Parking Proposal Executive Summary Mouchel - January 2015

Shropshire Parking Implementation Plan (Phase 1) Mouchel– November 2015

Shropshire Draft Parking Strategy Cabinet Report 12 July 2017

<http://shropshire.gov.uk/committee-services/documents/g3418/Public%20reports%20pack%2012th-Jul-2017%2012.30%20Cabinet.pdf?T=10>

Current Shropshire Parking Strategy Appendix A4 Parking Charge Structure.

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/media/1360/parking-strategy-Appendix-a4-parking-charge-structure.pdf>

New Parking Strategy Framework Part 1 – Implementation of the Linear Model 17th January 2018 Cabinet report

Cabinet; 5 September 2018; New Parking Strategy Framework - Traffic Regulation Order - Changes to On Street Parking Places, Shrewsbury

<http://shropshire.gov.uk/committee-services/documents/b12014/Cabinet%20To%20Follow%201%2017th-Jan-2018%2012.30%20Cabinet.pdf?T=9>

New Parking Strategy Framework Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) decision report: Changes to off street parking places around the county. July 25th Cabinet report

New Parking Strategy Framework - Traffic Regulation Order - Ludlow and Shrewsbury - Changes to On Street Pay and Display and Loading Bays. July 25th Cabinet report.

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)

Councillor Steven Davenport – Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport

Local Member

County wide initiative – impacts on all local Members

Appendices

Appendix A : Statement from Shrewsbury BID on Evening Car Parking Charges