

Appendix 1 - Belfast Car Parking Strategy and Action Plan

1. Operational		
	Action	Status
1.1	Consider extension of free parking for Blue Badge holders to off-street sites.	Review of existing Parking Order ongoing
1.2	Re-examine tariffs and permitted parking durations at all sites.	Review of existing Parking Order ongoing
1.3	Remove season ticket provision at certain sites (i.e. Cromac Street).	Review of existing Parking Order ongoing
1.4	Introduce a modest charge after two hours at all non-city centre council sites apart from Shaw's Bridge. Parking to remain free for up to two hours.	Review of existing Parking Order ongoing
1.5	Consider impact of above on adjacent areas and develop plan prior to implementation.	Review of existing Parking Order ongoing
1.6	Consider additional Belfast Bikes docking stations associated with parking facilities.	Strategic Review of Belfast Bikes on-going, final Review and recommendations to be presented at a future CG&R Committee.
1.7	Government and local authority bodies remove PNR space or charge for use.	Action to be progressed.

2. Parking Forum		
	Action	Status
2.1	Establish a Parking Forum.	Complete
2.2	Investigate integrating parking payment, management technologies and information systems in a city wide system.	Action on-going through the Parking Forum.
2.3	Dedicated Parking Website for city.	Action to be to be investigated by CRDT following support from parking forum.

2.4	Development of city parking app.	Parking Forum did not support this action due to safety issues and instead preferred the establishment of a car parking website.
2.5	Investigate an Integrated Signage System.	Action to be to be progressed following support from operators.
2.6	Private sector parking providers should be encouraged to consider investing in parking technology.	On-going through Parking Forum. Operators indicate some already provide this and others currently find this cost prohibitive.
2.7	The council should encourage car park operators to invest in their facilities to the extent that they will achieve the Park Mark standard and increases spaces available for accessible and family parking.	On-going through Parking Forum. Operators indicate that many operators currently have this standard.
2.8	A Shuttle Bus to connect all of the MSCPs and the main shopping and employment areas should be considered in consultation with Translink.	The Parking Forum do not currently consider this to be required however it is proposed that this action is kept under review

3. Strategic Sites Assessment

	Action	Status
3.1	Keep current parking stock under review with demand levels regularly monitored.	Work progressing to existing & proposed stock. Findings will be reported to a future CG&R Committee.
3.2	Identify opportunities to consolidate surface car parking as an integral part of new development or through new multi-storey /underground car park provision where appropriate.	Progressing through the Strategic Sites Assessment and to be reported to future CG&R Committee meeting
3.3	Retain all council sites but with a view to incorporation within MSCP provision.	Work progressing to existing & proposed stock. Findings will be reported to a future CG&R Committee.

4. Transport

	Action	Status
4.1	Free on-street parking for Blue Badge holders to remain.	Current position to be maintained.
4.2	Tariffs for on-street parking to be examined at a strategic level.	Dfl action to be examined.
4.3	Variable pricing to be examined.	Dfl action to be examined.
4.4	Review of ticketing and payment systems.	Dfl action to be examined.
4.5	Dfl to consider a pilot of on-street bay monitoring.	Dfl action to be examined.
4.6	Extend controlled on-street parking area within the core. Dfl to undertake parking studies within the city centre fringe in consultation with the council.	Dfl action to be examined.
4.7	Improved enforcement to reduce inappropriate parking such as pavement parking.	On-going throughout the city.
4.8	Parking Standards to be re-examined by development type.	The LDP Draft Plan Strategy contains a policy outlining reduced parking standards within designated areas of parking restraint for residential and non-residential development. Designations will be considered as part of the revised BMTP and at the next stage of the LDP (Local Policies Plan).
4.9	Support DFI to deliver Residents Parking Schemes in specific areas of city.	Action on-going through Dfl and Member Engagement. Residents Parking Scheme operational in the Rugby Road area and a further scheme at Iveagh Drive is being progressed.
4.10	Wayfinding signage scheme for individual areas of city centre, including cycling routes.	Dfl action to be examined.

4.11	Confirm location of off-street coach park and provide facility.	DfI examining this can be included as part of the Transport Hub. Coach parking bays at the Stranmillis Road at Ulster Museum are programmed.
4.12	Improve enforcement against car parks operating outside their planning conditions.	Action on-going.
4.13	Minimising traffic in the BMTP core.	Ongoing through the preparation of the Belfast Metropolitan Transport Strategy.
4.14	Gamble Street Halt.	Ongoing through the preparation of the Belfast Metropolitan Transport Strategy.
4.15	Review Park and Ride costs versus city centre parking charges.	Ongoing as part of DfI's annual works programme.
4.16	New Park and Ride sites.	An expanded Park and Ride at Blacks Road opened in November 2018 and DfI are currently developing proposals to expand Park and Ride capacity at Ballymartin, Cairnshill, Moira, Mossley, Newtownards and Sprucefield and create new facilities at Comber, Tillysburn and Trooperslane.
4.17	Improve parking at train stations (including for cycles).	DfI action to be examined.
4.18	Examine feasibility of a Cycle Parking Hub.	DfI examining this as part of Park and Ride work.
4.19	Review the level of cycle parking provided for new developments.	The LDP Draft Plan Strategy contains a policy to ensure major new development takes account of cyclists in terms of safe, convenience and secure cycle parking. Cycle parking will also be considered as part of the review of the BMTP.
4.20	Examine taxi parking provision citywide.	Ongoing as part of DfI's annual works programme.

