1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider recent requests from residents for consultation on resident parking schemes.

1.2 These requests have been assessed and developed into the next parking scheme priority timetable up to 2020/21 for consideration and approval.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That Committee agrees to the parking scheme priority timetable outlined in Appendix A.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 Over the last six months there have been petitions and deputations to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee requesting parking scheme consultations and so it was agreed that a report would be presented to Committee for members to agree the way forward for a new parking scheme priority timetable.

3.2 The proposed timetable includes the current resourced work being undertaken in the West Hove Area, the Hove Park Area and Zone U (St Luke’s Area) as well as future work over the next two years.

3.3 In addition we have committed to a 12 month review of the Hanover & Elm Grove parking schemes (Zones V &S). This was agreed at the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee on 27th June 2017. At the same meeting it was agreed to re-consult residents of Area U (St Luke’s Area).

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

4.1 The main alternative option is rejecting recent requests for new parking schemes which would mean that no proposals would be taken forward. There is also the alternative to re-prioritise the timings of the proposed parking scheme consultations.
4.2 However, it is the recommendation of officers that these proposals are proceeded with for the reasons outlined within the report.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

5.1 Officers are currently working on the consultation on parking schemes in the West Hove Area, the Hove Park Area and Zone U (St Luke’s Area).

5.2 These schemes are due to be completed in 2018/19 allowing other consultation work to begin in other schemes.

5.3 The Council is also committed to a 12 month review of the two Hanover & Elm Grove parking schemes (Zones S & V) and this has been programmed into the Parking scheme timetable (Appendix A). This was agreed in the recommendations at the ETS Committee on 27th June 2017.

5.4 Over the last few months the following areas have come forward requesting a consultation on a resident parking scheme.

South Portslade Area

5.5 On 27th June 2017 the ETS Committee considered a petition signed by 118 people requesting the council to undertake a resident parking scheme consultation in the South Portslade Area.

5.6 There are already parking difficulties in this area and this is likely to be increased by the West Hove Area parking scheme which is currently at the final Traffic Order stage.

Surrenden Area

5.7 Residents were consulted in the wider Surrenden Area in August 2015 but only a smaller area in the Fiveways Area were in favour. Residents in the Balfour Road Area then came forward in large numbers to request a further consultation as an extension to the Zone F Fiveways scheme. This scheme is due to begin operation on 2nd October 2017 following extensive consultation.

5.8 On 28th June 2016 the ETS Committee considered a petition signed by 106 people requesting the council to undertake a resident parking scheme consultation on Surrenden Road.

5.9 It was responded that Surrenden Road is lengthy with a number of side roads and closes that would require a more extensive design solution Therefore, at that stage, Surrenden Road would need to be considered as part of a wider parking scheme. It was outlined that if residents come forward with a petition from the wider area then it can be considered for inclusion within the parking scheme priority timetable.

5.10 On 17th January 2017 the ETS Committee considered a petition signed by 73 people requesting the council to undertake a resident parking scheme consultation in the Harrington Road area next to Surrenden Road.
5.11 On 11th October 2016 the ETS Committee considered a petition signed by 230 people requesting the council review the Zone D event day (AMEX Stadium) parking scheme.

5.12 As part of the upcoming parking permit review, officers will look at the operation of the schemes including how the permits are issued and how they are enforced. However, residents feel further changes in the area are required to prevent unauthorised and inter-commuting parking. This could involve area changes to the scheme operation including boundaries would require much more detailed discussion and funding from the football club as it is distinctly different from the way other parking schemes are managed and introduced.

Steyning Road- Rottingdean

5.13 The ETS Committee on 29th November 2016 considered a petition signed by 12 people requesting a shared residents parking scheme within the existing limited waiting parking bays in Steyning Road, Rottingdean for households with no off-road parking facilities.

5.14 The parking difficulties are appreciated but the Council would need to consider a larger scheme as otherwise this would lead to vehicle displacement to the surrounding roads. Taking this forward would require a consultation and legal Traffic Order process with a new permit set up for just 12 spaces.

5.15 If residents come forward with a petition from the wider area then it can be considered for inclusion within the parking scheme priority timetable. This is consistent with the approach taken in the Surrenden area.

5.16 The agreed area and type of scheme for the South Portslade, Surrenden Area and Event day (AMEX Stadium) review would be presented at further ETS Committee’s in 2018/19.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 It is felt that the recommendations outlined represent a fair way of dealing with requests for a resident parking scheme in various areas. Therefore it is recommended that the Parking Scheme priority timetable as set out in Appendix A should be approved.

6.2 Additional parking schemes also require additional resources in Parking Services dealing with permit applications and renewals as well as Penalty Charge Notice appeals and the increased general correspondence. Further resources are required to manage and enforce any new parking restrictions.

6.3 Officers will therefore be assessing the resource implications for the service.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:
Financial Implications:

7.1 The costs associated to officer time and consultation for the initial scheme reviews will be funded from existing budgets within the Transport service.

7.2 The capital costs associated with controlled parking scheme creation and extension is funded by unsupported borrowing, with repayments made over an appropriate time scale funded from the revenue income generated by the scheme. The detailed financial implications relating to the specific schemes will be reviewed and reported to future Committees on completion of consultation and consideration of options. The recurring financial impact of schemes will be incorporated in future years budgets.

7.3 Revenue income generated from on-street parking schemes is first defrayed against relevant costs with any surplus used for qualifying transport and highways related expenditure such as supported bus services, concessionary fares and Local Transport Plan projects.

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Legal Implications:

7.4 Any parking scheme proposed would be subject to statutory public consultation, allowing for a period of at least 21 days for any objections or other representations to be made.

7.5 It is not considered that any human rights implications arise from the recommendations in the report.

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Equalities Implications:

7.6 No Equalities implications identified.

Sustainability Implications:

7.7 No Sustainability implications identified.

Any Other Significant Implications

7.8 The changes may provide increased parking opportunities for the holders of blue badges wanting to use the local facilities.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Appendix A – Proposed Parking Scheme Priority Timetable.

Documents in Members’ Rooms
1. None

Background Documents

1. None