

Crawley Parking Review Decision Report

Crawley County Local Committee	Ref No: (C0618/19))
February 2019	Key Decision: No
Crawley Residents' Parking Scheme Review	Part I
Report by Executive Director of Economy, Infrastructure and Environment and Director of Highways and Transport	Electoral Division(s): Southgate & Gossops Green

Summary

The Crawley County Local Committee (CLC) is asked to make a decision on whether to continue with the removal of the "except bank holiday" restriction element of the Crawley Residents' Parking Scheme (RPS).

At a meeting of the County Local Committee held on 28th February 2018 County Councillors approved various changes to the RPS, one of which would see the removal of the "except bank holiday" restriction element of the scheme.

Officers reported at that meeting that the estimated cost for changing the signs would be in the region of £20K. Schedules for works have since been prepared and quotes obtained which have come in at between £58K to £91K to undertake the project works.

Recommendation

That the Crawley CLC authorises the Director of Law and Assurance to bring the Traffic Regulation Order into operation as advertised with the exceptions of the Disabled Bay in Coppice Walk and the removal of the "except bank holiday" restriction element of the scheme.

1. Background and Context

- 1.1 At a meeting of the Crawley CLC held on 28th February 2018 a decision was taken to remove the "except bank holiday" element of the Crawley RPS. At the time it was anticipated by officers that the cost of the associated works would be in the region of £20K.
- 1.2 After approval was given by the CLC for the proposal to be implemented schedules were prepared which in turn allowed the project to be put out to tender.
- 1.3 Three quotes were received and these were £58K, £60K and £91K respectively.
- 1.4 Due to the cost to conduct the works being much greater than originally anticipated officers feel it necessary to review the decision to undertake the works.

- 1.5 The greater cost can be attributed to an initial underestimate of the number of signs that would need to be changed and changes to how works are priced internally.

2. Proposal

- 2.1 The proposal is to implement all the previously approved amendments to the RPS with the exception of the "except bank holiday" restriction element and the removal of the Disabled Bay in Coppice Walk.
- 2.2 Officers still feel that there are grounds to remove the "except bank holiday" restriction element of the scheme as discussed at the meeting held on the 28th February 2018 but at this time with the quotes received officers are of the view that it would not be prudent to spend the amount of money quoted to achieved this aim.

3. Resources

- 3.1 A specialist contractor was employed for three months to undertake the work to prepare the schedules so that the quotes could be obtained. The cost was £8.5k, funded by the On-Street Parking Reserve.

4. Factors taken into account

- 4.1 Schedules have already been prepared and it may be that if the project is not progressed now that the schedules will become out of date. If works were to progress subsequently this exercise may need to be reviewed/repeated at an extra cost.

5. Risk Management Implications

- 5.1. The risk with not proceeding with the proposed change is resident dissatisfaction. A number of residents have indicated that the parking situation in their area is getting more difficult on Bank Holidays and that they would like the County Council to take action.
- 5.2. The risk with proceeding is that it may be perceived that the money could have been better spent on other highway related projects.

6. Other Options Considered

- 6.1 Officers did consider the application of vinyl overlays on the existing signs. This option proved to affect the overall price minimally and could make the signs confusing to motorists parking their vehicles.

7 Equality Duty

7.1 Councillors should be aware that the Equality Act 2010 bans unfair treatment and seeks equal opportunities in the workplace and in wider society. It also imposes a Public Sector Duty. The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage/civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

8. Social Value

8.1 By still implementing the initial approved changes to the RPS with the exception of the "except bank holiday" element the proposals offer residents an opportunity to park more easily by adding to the overall capacity. Also by making advisory Disabled Bays mandatory ensuring their enforceability for the use of Blue Badge Holders.

9. Crime and Disorder Act Implications

9.1 The County Council does not consider the scheme to create any crime and disorder issues. Officers have consulted with Sussex Police, who share this view. It is considered this will not change if implementation takes place.

10. Human Rights Implications

10.1 There are not considered to be any Human Rights Act Implications.

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