

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 23RD MAY, 2024

REFERENCE FROM ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE: 16TH APRIL, 2024

“1004 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL’S 2021 RESIDENTIAL PARKING
PERMIT SCHEMES (REF) –

The reference from Cabinet of 21st March, 2024 as contained within the agenda was presented.

Councillor S. Wiliam stated that he welcomed the proposals, stating that parking in relation to the social club on Barry Island required further consideration. Councillor Wiliam also referred to the Knap and the White House areas and he commented that there were some issues to resolve so parking for that area needed to be reviewed.

Councillor J. Protheroe suggested an additional recommendation for additional signage for Ogmore-by-Sea to make visitors aware of the residential parking permit zones.

Councillor M. Hooper echoed Councillor Wiliam’s comments in relation to Barry Island. Councillor Hooper urged the Council to undertake more engagement with residents in relation to Council proposals and he stated that more enforcement was required for the Knap and Lakeside area of Barry.

In reply to the comments made, the Director of Environment and Housing stated that White House had been specifically referred to in the report because issues had been known for some time. The Director agreed that a review of the area was required so possible improvements could be considered. As regards Lakeside, it was important to carefully consider the range of options, for example, if a no stopping or waiting at any time Order was introduced, an enforcement camera would pick up anyone that had parked in a location or stopped, even for a brief moment and this would include residents, their visitors and any delivery vehicles. Therefore, there was a balance in relation to the type of parking controls that could be introduced. In relation to the point regarding engagement on the proposed new residential parking arrangements at Barry Island, the Director stated that he agreed, and so better consultation would be carried out as part of the review to be undertaken over the forthcoming months.

Councillor I. Perry commented that he could not understand why the residential parking permit scheme was not self-funding and he felt that it was something that the Council needed to consider. Councillor Perry added that the Council needed to be more proactive in terms of reducing car usage and car ownership, particularly in relation to tackling the climate emergency.

The Chair reminded the Committee that in terms of cost recovery a further report would be coming back to the Scrutiny Committee following the review.

In reply to a query regarding Blue Badge holders, the Director clarified that the policy dealt with how Blue Badge holders could park within the residential parking zones provided that their badges were on display. Blue Badge holders would be permitted to park for up to 3 hours within a residential parking zone. There were no proposals for that to change.

In being asked to comment, Councillor M. Wilson, the relevant Cabinet Member, stated that it was important for the Council to talk to local Ward Members and residents as much as possible. There had already been a high level of consultation which was why the Council was making the proposed changes. One of the Council's main aims was to make the scheme self-enforcing and where issues had been identified improvements were being considered.

Subsequently, it was

RECOMMENDED –

(1) That an update report be provided to the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee following the review of the Residential Parking Permit scheme.

(2) T H A T Cabinet be advised of the views of the Scrutiny Committee that:

- There should be a review of arrangements specifically in the White House / Knap area of Barry;
- There should be additional enforcement patrols for the Lakeside area;
- For consideration to be given to additional signage for Ogmores-by-Sea;
- As part of the review, there should be meaningful engagement with affected residents to ensure that their views and issues were captured and responded to.

Reason for recommendations

(1&2) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.”