AGENDA ITEM NO 13

REPORT NO 202 /17

ANGUS COUNCIL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 20 JUNE 2017 IMPROVING PARKING IN SCOTLAND - A CONSULTATION REPORT BY HEAD OF TECHNICAL AND PROPERTY SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report provides information on Improving Parking in Scotland - A Consultation and a recommended response to that consultation for approval by the Committee.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-
 - (i) note the content of Improving Parking in Scotland A Consultation; and
 - (ii) agrees to the attached comments in **Appendix 2** as the Council's response to the consultation and that these comments be submitted to the Scottish Ministers.

2 ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/CORPORATE PLAN

- 2.1 This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:
 - Our communities are safe, secure and vibrant.
 - Our carbon footprint is reduced.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Parking has an impact to a lesser or greater degree on almost every member of the public and is a subject on which almost every member of the public has an opinion. Parking is of particular interest and concern to vulnerable groups such as the elderly, physically disabled persons, persons with visual impairment and parents of young children.
- 3.2 In the consultation document Transport Scotland sets out what it sees as the main topics of concern in this regard such as pavement parking, parking at dropped kerbs, enforcement issues including disabled persons parking places. It also looks to the future in terms of influencing the use of low emission vehicles by incentivising parking for such vehicles.
- 3.3 The changes that are proposed to introduce or support the proposals within the consultation may require changes to current legislation and may also disadvantage some road users whilst trying to make parking simpler and safer for these vulnerable groups.

3.4 The consultation document, attached as **Appendix 1**, sets out possible proposals in relation to a range of parking issues and seeks comments by all parties on these proposals.

4 CURRENT POSITION

4.1 **Appendix 2** contains a recommended response to the consultation.

5 PROPOSALS

5.1 If Members agree to the proposed response on the consultation document, the response will be submitted to the Scottish Government by the closing date of 30 June 2017

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Strategic Director of Resources, Head of Corporate Improvements & Finance, Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the local Police Commander of Tayside Division were consulted in the preparation of this report.

NOTE:

No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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List of Appendices Appendix 1 - Improving Parking in Scotland. A Consultation Appendix 2 - Consultation response.