

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
HEAD OF TECHNICAL SERVICES	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	5 NOVEMBER 2023	9
PROMENADE MOTORHOME PARKING			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

RELEVANT LEAD MEMBER

This item is within the remit of Lead Member for Customer and Operational Services (Councillor Morris).

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To advise members on progress with working with Lancashire County Council to introduce an overnight motorhome ban on various roads, including along Inner, South and North Promenades, and request the allocation of funding to part-fund its implementation.

RECOVERABILITY

This decision is recoverable under section 7 of part 3 of the constitution.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is requested:

- To approve a fully-funded revenue budget contribution of up to £30,000 to be met from the remaining Covid Support Grant funding held by Fylde Council as a contribution towards the costs of various on-street parking restrictions, as set out in Lancashire County Council's public consultation and as detailed within this report, including the introduction of a ban on on-street overnight motorhome parking on various roads in Lytham St Annes.

REPORT

BACKGROUND

- On-street parking is managed by Lancashire County Council as the Local Highway Authority. The County Council implement on-street parking restrictions and enforce them.
- The issue of motorhomes parking overnight along Inner, South and North Promenade has long been a concern for Fylde Council Members and residents. Following a Car Park Task and Finish Group recommendation, a Decision Report of the Customer and Operational Services Portfolio Holder in March 2012 included reference to the concerns as part of the reason for allowing motorhomes to park overnight on St Annes Swimming Pool Car Park. At the time Lancashire County Council had indicated that a restriction on parking of motorhomes overnight on-street would not be considered until alternative arrangements had been implemented.

3. Since 2012 Fylde Council has expanded the number of overnight parking bays for motorhomes on council owned car parks including North Beach, North Promenade, Fairhaven Road and St Paul's Avenue Car Parks.
4. Fylde Council's Corporate Plan 2020/24 includes an action under Tourism which states 'Work with LCC to develop car parking options for the coastal promenades and manage overnight parking provision'.
5. In Autumn 2020 Lancashire County Council carried out a public consultation on proposals to introduce an overnight motorhome parking ban as part of a wider scheme that included the introduction of pay and display charges along the length of Inner, South and North Promenades as well as some sections of highway in Lytham. The Car Park Working Group reviewed the proposals, along with comments submitted by various Councillors, which informed the Council's response to the consultation. The council supported most aspects of the proposal, including a ban on overnight motorhome parking, but strongly rejected the proposal to introduce on-street pay and display.
6. As a result of the feedback, Lancashire County Council did not progress with the proposal. Fylde Council entered discussions with Lancashire County Council to determine whether an agreement could be reached to implement the motorhome overnight parking ban. The County Council provided the cost of the scheme but without a road safety or income opportunity, they would be unable to fund the implementation of the restrictions.
7. An update to the Operational Management Committee on progress of Corporate Plan actions was provided on 6th September 2022. Members were advised that due to Lancashire County Council being unable to justify the cost and Fylde Council not having a highways budget for the scheme, the action would be closed on the Corporate Plan with the proposals having been agreed but the implementation required further consideration and budget.
8. On 5th December 2022 an update to Full Council confirmed the closure of the Corporate Plan action stating that it was undelivered.

CURRENT SITUATION AND FUNDING PROPOSAL

9. Potential funding to cover part of the cost of implementing an overnight ban on motorhomes along the promenades and some neighbouring streets has been identified through remaining unallocated Covid Support Grant funding held by Fylde Council. As such negotiations with Lancashire County Council were revived on this issue.
10. Lancashire County Council's estimated costs, including signage, posts, lining, etc. for implementing the relevant changes is £60,000. In addition to the overnight motorhome ban on the highway, amendments to the legal order are proposed to create a coach stand near St Annes Pier and a bus bay by AKS. The proposal is for Fylde Council to part fund the work, with Fylde's contribution capped at a maximum of £30,000.
11. Lancashire County Council conducted a public consultation exercise on the proposed changes, which is part of the legal process for changing the Traffic Regulation Order, between 12th October and 9th November 2023. This included full details of the proposed restrictions to be implemented with the details made available to all stakeholders through a pro-active campaign to obtain feedback.
12. Responses to the consultation will be considered and reported to Lancashire County Council's Cabinet with input to address specific concerns provided by Fylde Council. Minor amendments to the scheme may be considered in light of the consultation responses.

CONCLUSION

13. To deliver the Traffic Regulation Order, members are recommended to approve the fully funded budget of up to £30,000 from the Covid Support Grant to fund Fylde's share of the cost. Lancashire County Council will progress the implementation of an overnight motorhome ban on various highways along the Promenade along with other associated amendments to the legal order.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	✓
Environment – To deliver services customers expect	✓

Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	✓
Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit	✓

IMPLICATIONS

Finance	The report recommends a contribution to Lancashire County Council of up to £30,000 towards the costs of various on-street parking restrictions as set out in the report, with the contribution being fully funded from remaining unallocated Covid Support Grant funding held by Fylde Council.
Legal	None
Community Safety	None
Human Rights and Equalities	None
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Operational Management Committee Meeting of 6th September 2022 – information item to update on Corporate Action Plan which stated an option had been suggested by Lancashire County Council but would require match funding to implement from Fylde Council. It was recommended that the item is closed as the implementation requires further investigation and funding.

Full Council of 5th December 2022 it was RESOLVED to:

1. Approve the progress made against the Corporate Plan actions outlined in Appendix 2 of the report for the period up to the end of September 2022.

BACKGROUND PAPERS REVELANT TO THIS ITEM

Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
n/a		

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