

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 2 February 2023

Parking Action Plan – delivering the City Mobility Plan

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Transport and Environment Committee approves the draft Parking Action Plan, to be presented for public consultation in early 2023.

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2. Executive Summary

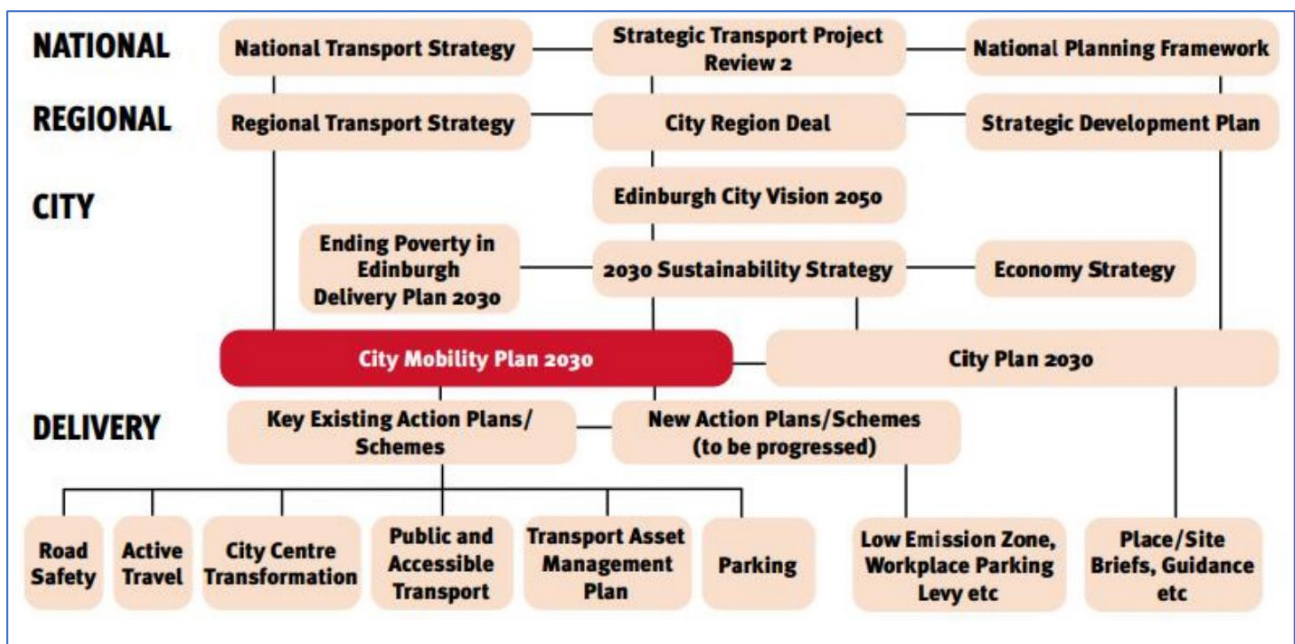
- 2.1 This report presents the draft Parking Action Plan and seeks approval to progress to public consultation in early 2023, alongside the other City Mobility Plan (CMP) Delivery Plans.

3. Background

- 3.1 Edinburgh's Strategic plan for mobility, the CMP 2021-2030 was approved by Committee on 19 February 2021. The CMP sets out the Council's approach to the sustainable, safe and effective movement of people and goods around Edinburgh.
- 3.2 The CMP sets out nine objectives and 49 policy measures under the three themes of People, Movement and Place which will, collectively, achieve the plan's Vision: *'Edinburgh will be connected by a safer and more inclusive net zero carbon transport system delivering a healthier, thriving, fairer and compact capital city and a higher quality of life for all residents'*
- 3.3 The CMP's objectives and associated policy measures, in addition to specific commitments in the CMP Implementation Plan, direct the creation of detailed Actions and Action Plans to help prioritise investment in mobility across the city.
- 3.4 This Plan primarily focusses on meeting the following CMP objectives and associated policy measures:
- **People 1 Supporting Behaviour Change.** Encourage changes in behaviour towards the use of sustainable modes of travel through information provision, initiatives and campaigns.
 - **Place 5 Streets for People.** Create more liveable places by reducing the level of on street parking in areas well served by public transport whilst enabling parking for local residents and people with mobility difficulties.
 - **Movement 4 Bus Priority Measures.** Expand and enforce public transport priority measures to improve journey time reliability and operational efficiency within the city and wider region.
 - **Movement 16 Shared Mobility.** Support the expansion of shared mobility options across the city and maximise their integration to support the broader public transport system.

- **Movement 17 Taxis and Car Share Partnerships.** Strengthen partnerships with the taxi trade and car sharing partners to support the shift to zero emission vehicles and the introduction of new technology to improve safety, standards and accessibility.
- **Movement 19 Mobility Hubs.** Identify opportunities for mobility hubs in existing communities and major new developments that provide a range of sustainable travel choices and amenities including public transport, shared mobility, click and collect and electric vehicle charging.
- **Movement 22 Tackling Inconsiderate Parking.** Work within legislation to tackle issues associated with parked vehicles obstructing footways, crossing points, roads and junctions.
- **Movement 29 Monitoring and Evaluation.** Ensure robust monitoring and evaluation of traffic and travel behaviour through regular and consistent data gathering.
- **Movement 32 Cleaner Vehicles.** Encourage the switch to cleaner vehicles by supporting the growth of EV infrastructure, including the development of a citywide charging network, and monitoring progress in other low and zero emission technologies.
- **Movement 34 Parking Controls.** Extend the coverage and operational period of parking controls in the city to manage parking availability for the benefit of local residents and people with mobility issues.
- **Movement 35 Residents Parking Permits.** Manage the way residents parking permits are issued based on demand, location and vehicle emissions.
- **Movement 36 Parking in New Developments.** Limit the level of parking in new developments based on current and planned levels of walking/wheeling, cycling and public transport access and the capacity of surrounding streets, and include requirements for electric vehicle charging, disabled persons parking places, car club and bike hire space.
- **Movement 37 Parking, Waiting and Loading Restrictions.** Review, apply and enforce parking, waiting and loading restrictions whilst balancing the needs of local businesses and residents and people with mobility difficulties.

3.5 The Plan is one of several Action Plans being developed to deliver the policies set out in the CMP, as shown in the image below:



4. Main report

- 4.1 The previous Parking Action Plan for Edinburgh to 2020 was approved by Committee in 2014. The Introduction of the CMP necessitates a new Plan be developed to reflect the Council's new policies and priorities to 2030.
- 4.2 The plan has been developed through consultation with Council teams and departments and key stakeholders. Stakeholder engagement was primarily conducted through formal Transport Forums, which were critical in developing the draft actions that are being proposed.
- 4.3 The plan to 2030 is appended to this report as Appendix 1 and approval is sought for this to be presented for public consultation.
- 4.4 As with the other Action Plans that are being developed, the plan will complement the CMP and will play its part in delivering a more sustainable, integrated, efficient, safe and inclusive transport system by 2030.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Subject to the approval of the recommendations in this report, it is intended that this Plan will be presented for public consultation in early 2023, alongside the other Action Plans which currently form part of the delivery of the CMP.
- 5.2 It is intended that the outcomes of the consultation will be reported to Committee in Autumn 2023.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 The costs of developing the plan will be met from within existing budgets.
- 6.2 The actions proposed within the plan are expected to result in additional parking revenue being generated.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 Engagement has been undertaken with various stakeholders when developing this Plan and the draft actions have also been reviewed and further developed using input from formal Transport Forums.
- 7.2 Wider engagement will be carried out through the planned public consultation.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 None.

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 – Draft Parking Action Plan