

**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Town Centres</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>6 September 2010</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Rotherham town centre – Petition requesting residents' parking scheme for town centre residents</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services</b>

**5. Summary**

To report the results of an investigation into a 19 signature petition requesting a town centre residents' parking scheme.

**6. Recommendations**

**Cabinet Member is asked to resolve that:**

- i) **The lead petitioner be informed of the outcome of the investigation**

## 7. Proposals and Details

A 19 signature petition was received requesting that the Council introduce a town centre residents parking scheme.

Existing town centre residents either live in buildings without any dedicated parking or, in some cases, with access to a limited amount of paid for private parking generally in the building basement.

Public parking in Rotherham town centre is a mixture of on street pay and display, off street surface pay and display and multi-storey pay and display parking.

The current parking options for town centre residents are to park in

- **On street pay and display parking spaces.** Charges currently apply to these parking spaces between 8am and 3pm. Outside of these times parking is free.
- **Off street car parks.** There are over 20 car parks within easy walking distance of Rotherham town centre. Depending on the operator charges and charging times vary.
- **Private parking within building.** Where it is provided this is usually at a monthly cost.

The principle behind town centre living is that by living close to shops, amenities and frequent public transport the need to travel by car is reduced. The majority of apartments within the town centre are advertised with no associated car parking.

Residents' parking schemes are implemented within mainly residential areas to control commuter/shopper parking. The town centre is predominantly a shopping/business area and parking controls already exist to regulate parking within this area.

Given that this is a residential area within the town centre and that these apartments have been planned and promoted on a sustainable basis with no car parking it is recommended that this request is not acceded to.

## 8. Finance

None.

## 9. Risks and Uncertainties

None.

## 10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

None.

## 11. Background Papers and Consultation

A copy of the first page of the petition is attached as Appendix A.

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