

# COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR EDEN

Meeting date: 28.09.20

From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure

## PENRITH PARKING AND MOVEMENT STUDY

### **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Cumbria County Council, Eden District Council and Penrith Town Council have jointly funded a project to develop a coherent and comprehensive parking and movement study for Penrith. The overarching aims of the Penrith Parking and Movement Study were to understand how existing parking provision in Penrith can be improved, whilst seeking to enhance walking and cycling connectivity between car parking areas and the town centre, key employment sites and the bus and railway station.
- 1.2 Attached to this report as Appendix 1 is the Partner's Joint Committee Report, which is being used by each of the partner organisations to provide a consistent overview of the Penrith Parking and Movement Study. The Partner's Joint Committee Report provides an outline of the packages of improvements and next steps to support their delivery and implementation. The Non-Technical Summary of the Penrith Parking and Movement Study is attached as Appendix 2.

### **2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 2.1 ***The Penrith Parking and Movement Study has been jointly prepared with the co-operation of all funding partners and was developed with the input from a wide range of stakeholders (including residents groups, transport bodies, access groups, car park operators, business and tourist organisations.***
- 2.2 ***The Penrith Parking and Movement Study identifies a package of improvements to parking provision and improved opportunities to walk and cycle.***
- 2.3 ***The preparation of the Penrith Parking and Movement Study and the development of the packages of improvements aligns with the vision of Cumbria County Council's Plan 2018-2022, in that it has been prepared with engagement of local stakeholders. The delivery of the packages of***

***improvements will improve connectivity within Penrith and to the rest of Cumbria. The delivery of the packages of improvements will also reinforce Penrith's function as a centre and thus support the growth of the local economy and the wider Cumbrian economy.***

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That Cumbria County Council Local Committee for Eden, in line with the recommendations of the Partners Joint Committee Report:
1. Endorse the principle of the package of improvements (as summarised in the Penrith Parking and Movement Study Non-Technical Summary – Appendix B) and note the delivery leads for each package;
  2. Agree to work together with EDC and PTC to explore the opportunities for funding, to deliver the package of improvements through internal and external funding sources, and to agree how the improvements should be prioritised; and
  3. Agree to the establishment of a working group to ensure the co-ordinated delivery of the package of improvements.

### **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Cumbria County Council (Eden Local Committee), Eden District Council and Penrith Town Council have jointly funded a project to develop a coherent and comprehensive parking and movement study for Penrith. The overarching aims of the study were to understand how existing parking provision in Penrith could be enhanced, whilst maximising connectivity between car parks, for cyclists and walkers within the town centre, key employment areas and the bus and railway station.
- 4.2 The Penrith Parking and Movement Study was prepared in four stages
- *Stage 1: Baseline Information and Assessment;*
  - *Stage 2: Identify Interventions;*
  - *Stage 3: Develop Interventions; and*
  - *Stage 4: Produce the Penrith Parking and Movement Study Report (and Non-Technical Summary).*
- 4.3 The study was based on a defined methodology and assessment of interventions to ensure that it would present the most robust evidence to explain the need for the interventions. The delivery of interventions identified through the PPMS is subject to funding being secured. It was acknowledged from the onset of the study that funding for the improvements was not currently available but that the study would provide a strong evidence base to enable the partner organisations to bid for and secure funding opportunities.
- 4.4 The eight packages of improvements identified in the Penrith Parking and Movement Study are outlined below. A summary of the packages of improvements is provided in the Partners Joint Committee Report (Appendix

1) and further detail is found in the Penrith Parking and Movement Study Non-Technical Summary (Appendix 2).

- Package 1 - Additional Parking Capacity
- Package 2 - Long Stay Parking in Penrith
- Package 3 - Town Centre Parking
- Package 4 - On-street Parking (Residential)
- Package 5 - Penrith Town Centre Improvements
- Package 6 - Addressing Nuisance Parking
- Package 7 - Cycling and Walking Connectivity Improvements
- Package 8 - Travel Demand and Technology Improvements

4.5 Concept designs for the interventions which make up each of the eight packages were developed and used to:

- Develop indicative intervention costs (which will be subject to refinement as they are developed further);
- Identify Delivery Leads (and Delivery Partners);
- Identify potential funding sources; and
- Outline delivery programmes (based on the assumption that funding, political and public support is secured).

4.6 The PPMS presents the evidence base for a comprehensive package of interventions to improve parking and movement with Penrith and moving forward it is recognised that further scheme development will be required to enable their further assessment. This process would be supported further stakeholder engagement/ public consultation. The PPMS aligns with interventions being progressed as part of EDC's Local Plan. In addition it is envisaged that a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) will be developed for Penrith and this can be supported by the PPMS (specifically in Package 8); providing a more coherent plan for active mode infrastructure in the town as a whole.

4.7 To ensure momentum and to support the delivery of the interventions identified in the packages of improvements, an Implementation Group will be established to co-ordinate and monitor progress. The Implementation Group will co-ordinate requests for funding (and seek the relevant approvals from respective committees) to secure the delivery of the interventions. Updates on progress of the delivery of the interventions will be reported through the partner organisations' committee structures when appropriate.

## **5.0 OPTIONS**

Option (a)

- 5.1 The pro-formas (1 to 8) contained within the Non-Technical Summary of the Penrith Parking and Movement Study (Appendix 2) are endorsed and a commitment is made that all partners work together to explore the opportunities to secure funding to deliver.

Option (b)

- 5.2 Local Committee does not endorse the pro-formas (1 to 8) contained within the Non-Technical Summary of the Penrith Parking and Movement Study (Appendix 2) and does not commit to working with partners to work together to explore opportunities to secure funding to deliver the package of improvements.

## **6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no resource implications for the Local Committee identified at this stage, but requests for funding will be co-ordinated by an Implementation Group, if approved, as per paragraph 4.7.

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## **7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 It is an Area Planning Function of Local Committees under Part 2 D, paragraph 5.1.1 (b) of the Constitution, to liaise with other bodies delivering services in the area, to seek to co-ordinate planned activities and to improve services for the residents of the area by working together as effectively as possible. The Local Committee is therefore able to support option (a) if it wishes and make a commitment that it will work together with partners to explore the opportunities to secure funding to deliver the package of improvements.

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## **8.0 CONCLUSION**

- 8.1 The Penrith Parking and Movement Study presents a coherent programme of interventions to improve parking provision in Penrith whilst seeking to enhance walking and cycling connectivity between car parks and the town centre, key employment areas and the bus and railway station. It has been jointly developed by the partner organisations with significant engagement with a broad range of stakeholders, who have made an essential contribution to shaping the Study.



**PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**  
*[including Local Committees]*

*No previous relevant decisions*

**CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

*Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.*

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

*No background papers*

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