

Committee:	Executive	Agenda Item No.:	8.
Date:	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2011	Status	Open
Category	2. Decision within the functions of Executive		
Subject:	Parking Issues – Tibshelf		
Report by:	Head of Housing		
Other Officers Involved	Housing Enforcement Manager		
Director	Director of Neighbourhoods		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor K. Bowman, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Member Development Champion		

#### **RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS**

ENVIRONMENT – Promoting and enhancing a clear and sustainable environment. Local Members in Tibshelf have identified that parking is an issue.

#### **TARGETS**

Does not directly contribute to any targets specified in any approved plans.

#### **VALUE FOR MONEY**

Members are asked to decide if options do provide Value for Money

#### **THE REPORT**

Members from the Tibshelf Area have expressed concerns that residents of the Council owned flats at High Street, Tibshelf are parking off the main road and in the proximity of the flats. However, anecdotal evidence suggests that it is not only residents, but local shoppers parking in the area since parking restrictions have been introduced. Liaison with the Police and Derbyshire County Council has taken place to try and reduce the problems without success and Tenancy Management officers have spoken to residents of the flats where it is known that their vehicles are involved.

Tibshelf Members are still concerned that this area is unsightly and damaging the area and have asked officers to look at providing alternatives. Officers have therefore priced up 3 options:

Option 1- To install 70 no. bollards at 1m spacing along the perimeter would cost in the region of £7k for either black environmental bollards (recycled plastic with steel core) or dwarf reinforced concrete bollards. Timber bollards have not been considered as these can be stolen for winter fuel.

Option 2 - To install a post and 3 rail timber fence with pedestrian openings and a service vehicle gate would cost in the region of £4k and this would have the added bonus of greater security to the flats but also add further tasks for the maintenance of the grassed area

Option 3 - To install a surfaced off road car park for 16 vehicles (number of flats) including lighting and drainage in the area would cost in the region of £25k.

However, such an installation would require permission from Derbyshire County Council. This is likely to be problematic due to the location of the bus stop and current traffic congestion in this area.

There are a number of other areas across the District that have problems with parking. This is largely to do with the unforeseen increase in car ownership and the design of properties and the layout of access roads. If a similar approach was introduced for all such areas there is likely to be a considerable requirement for funding to overcome the problems. If Members are minded to take positive action by providing a solution at Tibshelf it could create a precedent that will be difficult to resist for similar problems elsewhere in the District.

This work could be funded from within the Housing Department Capital Programme which is currently being developed for 2011/12. However there are a number of competing priorities, such as replacement doors, and money spent on addressing these issues would divert money from other projects.

Alternatively, Members could consider setting up a revolving fund for such schemes, which after an initial investment could be 'topped up' by introducing service charges to residents in areas where this, and similar schemes, are provided.

### **ISSUES/OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- a. Whether to provide one of the above solutions at High Street, Tibshelf.
- b. Whether to introduce a revolving fund for car parking issues, and to introduce a service charge for this.

- c. Whether to ask all local Members to identify issues in their own area to ensure equity.
- d. To take no further action.

### **IMPLICATIONS**

Financial: The financial impact for the options for Tibshelf are shown in the body of the report. If members decide to introduce a parking fund, or members identify other parking issues any financial issues will be covered in separate reports.

There has been no funding identified during the current budget process for the provision of such parking schemes.

Legal: Not directly.

Human Resources: Not directly

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Housing Stock Management Group and the Capital Programme Group are asked to consider the priority of this project as against the rest of the approved Capital Programme.**

### **REASON FOR DECISION TO BE GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION**

To make Members aware of a parking issue in Tibshelf, and to allow Members to decide whether to provide a solution,

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