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In relation to the City of Edinburgh Council's proposal to introduce new permit parking and pay-and-display zones across the Southside, including Blackford Avenue.

Consultancy and Engagement

- The names of any external consultancy firms or third parties involved in the research, development, or drafting of this parking proposal.

[Project Centre were contracted to carry out on-street parking surveys, public engagement and initial design proposals between 2019 and 2021.](#)

- The total cost to the Council to date associated with these third parties, including but not limited to consultancy fees, transport studies, community engagement events, promotional materials, and any internal staffing costs allocated to this work.

[This information is not held.](#)

- A copy of any contracts, agreements or memoranda of understanding between the Council and external parties in relation to this scheme.

[This information is not held.](#)

Community Engagement and Evidence Base

- Full details of any community consultation carried out, including dates, methods of engagement (online surveys, town halls, letter drops, etc.), response volumes, and a breakdown of community sentiment (support vs. objection).
- A copy of any reports, internal memos or assessments produced summarising community feedback.
- Any internal impact assessments conducted on the social, economic or accessibility effects of these changes, particularly on:
 - Local businesses
 - Elderly and disabled residents
 - Access to care facilities and local amenities (e.g., The Avenue Store, Cat Clinic)
- A list of any equality or accessibility impact assessments conducted as part of this proposal.

[This information is available in the Transport and Environment Committee reports of 8 December 2022 and the Council's Controlled Parking Zones Integrated Impact Assessment. Please note that there are no internal reports related to this matter.](#)

Justification and Decision-Making

- The stated justification and policy rationale for introducing these parking changes in this area, particularly Blackford Avenue.
- Any evidence gathered on existing parking demand, congestion, or turnover that supports the need for paid parking on Blackford Avenue.

- Copies of internal reports, meeting minutes, or decision papers presented to Council committees related to this proposal.

The requested information is available on the Council's [Strategic Parking Review and City Mobility Plan web pages](#), and in the [Transport and Environment Committee reports of 8 December 2022](#).

No internal reports exist in relation to this matter.

Financial Projections

- A breakdown of projected revenue from the introduction of:
 - Pay-and-display parking
 - Resident and visitor parking permits
 - Associated fines and enforcement
- A breakdown of projected implementation costs (infrastructure, signage, staff, etc.)
- Estimated net revenue gains/losses over 1-year, 3-year, and 5-year periods.
- A copy of the business case, if any, presented for financial justification of this rollout.

Financial projections have not been produced in view that Committee has not yet taken a decision as to whether or how the proposed CPZ should proceed. A business case has not been produced; the proposal of the CPZ is based on consultation and survey data and in view of the policy objectives set out in the Council's [City Mobility Plan](#).

Geographic and Policy Scope

- A full list of every street affected by the proposed rollout.
- A map showing proposed changes by street and/or zone.
- Details of any alternative proposals considered and why they were rejected.

A detailed map showing the geographical area to which the proposal relates was provided in the Traffic Regulation Order advertisement and on the Council's consultation page; maps were also held in Waverley Court for members of the public to view throughout the consultation period, which started on 6 June 2025 and ended on 4 July 2025. You can view the proposal on [our website](#).

There are no alternatives to the proposal currently under consideration, although any suggestions made via the consultation process will be reviewed by Committee.

Operational Planning

- Internal discussions or planning documents regarding enforcement strategy (e.g., staffing levels, patrol frequency, contractor involvement).
- Expected costs associated with enforcement operations over the next 3 financial years.

Operational planning has not taken place in view that Committee has not yet taken a decision as to whether or how the proposed CPZ should proceed.

Precedents and Evaluation

- Any data or reports showing the impact (positive or negative) of similar schemes implemented in other areas of Edinburgh over the past 10 years.
- Information on how success of the current proposed scheme will be measured.

The Council is currently conducting a satisfaction survey in areas where Controlled Parking Zones have been introduced under the Strategic Parking Review. After the survey closes on 7 September 2025, the data will be analysed and used to evaluate how local residents and businesses perceive the Controlled Parking Zones.

The Council is currently monitoring recently introduced Controlled Parking Zones to assess parking pressure and driver behaviour. As monitoring is currently ongoing, finalised data is not yet available.