

**QLDC Council
24 September 2015**

Report for Agenda Item: 3

Department: Infrastructure

Frankton Parking Changes – Appointment of a Hearings Panel

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to appoint a panel of Councillors to hear feedback on the parking changes proposed for several roads in Frankton.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Appoint** three Councillors [to be named] to hear feedback on the proposed Frankton parking changes.

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Background

- 1 Consultation is presently underway on parking changes proposed for:
 - a. Glenda Drive and Margaret Place: Imposition of a 10-hour parking restriction
 - b. McBride Street and Ross Street: Removal of parking on one side of each street and imposition of a 48-hour parking restriction on the other side
 - c. Douglas Street (between Humphrey and Robertson Streets): Imposition of a 48-hour parking restriction on the western side of the street.
- 2 At present, there are no parking restrictions in place on the above streets.
- 3 Figures illustrating the proposed changes are within Attachment A of this report.

- 4 The Council's infrastructure Councillors have been briefed on the proposals and the consultation material prior to consultation starting.
- 5 Consultation has comprised a letter drop to business and residents on the streets affected. The letter has invited feedback on the proposals, to be received by us by 11 September 2015. In addition the consultation has been publicised through *Scuttlebutt* and in the "Consulting on" section of the Council website.
- 6 Hearings of feedback will be held in October, followed by a report back to the Council's November meeting where – we anticipate – Council will be asked to make resolutions pursuant to Council's Traffic and Parking Bylaw. This will enable any changes to be implemented this calendar year. Accordingly, this report seeks the appointment of a hearings panel.

Comment

- 7 Council has two broad options for the make-up of the panel. It could
 - a. Appoint a panel of 3-4 councillors including the 2 infrastructure Councillors.
 - b. Appoint the full Council.
- 8 Option A: Panel of 3-4 Councillors
 - a. Advantages:
 - i. Appropriate to scale of the issue – the parking issue does not affect the whole district
 - ii. Will assist the quick turnaround of the hearings report
 - b. Disadvantages - none
- 9 Option B: Panel of all Councillors
 - a. Advantages
 - i. All Councillors will receive the same information
 - b. Disadvantages
 - i. Hearing process more likely to be intimidating to some attendees
 - ii. Possible over-kill in use of Council resources
- 10 The small panel option is favoured by this report because it appears most appropriate to the scale of the issues being discussed.

Significance and Engagement

- 11 This matter is of low significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy because this report deals with process issues around the hearing of and deliberations on feedback on the parking proposals.

Risk

- 12 This matter relates to the strategic risk [SR1, Current and future development needs of the community (including environmental protection)], as documented in the Council's risk register. The risk is classed as high. This matter relates to this risk because the good operation of the road network is instrumental to the addressing this risk. It is important that the process of considering parking proposals, including obtaining and deliberating on public feedback, is robust.
- 13 The proposal put forward for hearing feedback mitigates the risk by: *Treating the risk - putting measures in place which directly impact the risk.*

Financial Implications

- 14 The proposed changes – if implemented – will require installation of new signage. This would be funded from existing operational budgets.

Council Policies, Strategies and Bylaws

- 15 The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:
- a. Significance and Engagement Policy
- 16 The recommended option is consistent with the principles of the Policy.
- 17 This matter is included in the Annual Plan which provides operational expenditure for the implementation of changes to parking controls.

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions

- 18 The recommended option:
- Will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses by enabling the consideration of parking changes that will affect the operation of the roads affected;
 - Can be implemented through current funding under the 10-Year Plan and Annual Plan;
 - Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
 - Would not alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

Consultation: Community Views and Preferences

- 19 The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are people who are providing feedback on the parking proposals. No consultation is proposed over the appointment of a hearings panel.

Attachments

- A Proposed Parking Changes

A. Proposed Parking Changes

Figure 1: Glenda Drive and Margaret Place



Figure 2: McBride Street and Ross Street



Figure Three: Douglas Street

