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| Agenda Item | 10. |
| Report No | CS/31/13 |

Overnight Parking Restrictions at Dornoch Beach Car Park

Report by Director of Transport, Environmental and Community Services

Summary

This report invites Members to approve the raising of a Road Traffic Order to prohibit overnight parking at Dornoch Beach Car Park.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Following representations to both the Council and Transport Scotland by a member of the public, the Transport, Environmental and Community Services Committee approved the removal of “No Overnight Parking” signs located in rural laybys at its meeting on 20 September 2012 (Report TEC-55-12).
- 1.2 This decision was taken in light of the decision by Transport Scotland to remove all “No Overnight Parking” signs from the trunk road network following a review of the legal position.
- 1.3 The TECS Committee approved that the “No Overnight Parking” signs located in rural laybys are removed, and that the removal of these signs is carried out when there are resources working in the area to minimise any additional costs.
- 1.4 The report to the TECS Committee recognised that implementing formal Road Traffic Orders for every layby or car park would be expensive to implement and difficult to enforce, however it is an option which could be considered if there were problems with overnight parking at specific locations.

2. Dornoch Beach Car Park

- 2.1 Dornoch Beach Car Park is a popular and well used car park giving families and walkers access to the extensive Dornoch Beach and the north links path network.
- 2.2 While there are litter bins around the car park there are no facilities for the disposal of waste water or sewage, and extended periods of parking for certain vehicles may lead to the potential for pollution of the local scenic area.
- 2.3 It has been observed that certain vehicles are parking for extended periods and this is restricting the parking available for the general public who use the area for dog walking and access to Dornoch Beach.

2.4 In order to prevent such vehicles parking for extended periods it is recommended that an overnight parking restriction is put in place.

3. Implications

3.1 The cost of the raising of the Road Traffic Order and the erection of appropriate signing will be met from the Area Revenue Budget.

3.2 There are no legal implications apart from the normal processes associated with raising the Road Traffic Order.

3.3 There are no known equalities issues arising from this report.

3.4 There are no climate change implications arising from this report.

3.5 There are no risk implications arising from this report.

4. Recommendation

4.1 Members are invited to approve the raising of a Road Traffic Order to prevent overnight parking in Dornoch Beach Car Park.

Designation: Director of Transport, Environmental and Community Services

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