East Lothian Council 27 February 2024

Item 4: Update Report on Parking Management Traffic Regulation Order for North Berwick Amendment Submitted by Councillors Findlay and Collins

To delete the Recommendations and replace with the following:

[Council is recommended to:]

- 1. note the responses received to the original Traffic Regulation Order and objections made, and, in light of the public's clear opposition to the key themes of introducing park charges and controlled parking zones, withdraw the current Order.
- 2. note the high level of responses and objections to the Council opposing the introduction of parking charges in North Berwick to the consultation on the Traffic Regulation Order with 659 recorded responses and a petition of over 4000 signatures on parking charges, and note the significant opposition from the North Berwick Business Association.
- 3. note the objections to the proposed Residents Parking Permits and zoned parking restrictions in the town centre from local town centre residents, as residents believe these would seriously impact the ability of residents, especially the elderly, to park near to their homes.
- 4. note that in paragraph 4.8 of this report the ELC Local Parking Strategy states: "Medium and long-stay parking will be accommodated in off-street car parks, but these are more likely to be at the edge of the town centre"; however, in North Berwick, apart from the limited facilities at existing town centre car parks, these options do not readily exist.
- 5. decide not to proceed with parking charges in any East Lothian towns and decide that £500k from the Transformation Fund should be reallocated to protect and sustain frontline services in East Lothian.