Written Update on Item 4: Replacing the Blue Badge and Shopmobility parking spaces lost with the closure of Nicholsons Car Park

The Shopmobility facility is due to be relocated from its current location in the Nicholsons Centre to the West Street car park. This relocation requires the West Street car park to be partially repurposed to accommodate cabins and parking bays that support the Shopmobility service.

Chris Pearse (Head of Capital Projects), Ian Brazier-Dubber (Managing Director, RBWM Property Company) and Tim Golabek (Service Lead, Transport and Infrastructure) have been discussing the steps that need to be taken. The majority of these are part of the Property Company works related to the impact of the closure of the existing Broadway car park, which is due to be demolished. A programme for delivery of these works is currently in development but no further information is available at this time as to when this will be completed and able to be shared.

There are no other options being considered to the West Street car park as a location for Shopmobility, as there are no alternative locations that would be suitable. Until that site has been repurposed, there are no other alternatives other than the current shop-only approach in the Nicholsons Centre, which is acknowledged to be unsatisfactory. The BT Building on West Street is a privately owned asset and data centre and would not be suitable as a fixed term alternative for Shopmobility and/or Blue Badge parking so no approach has been made to its owners.