

**13 NOVEMBER 2003**

**NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Thursday, 13 November 2003.

- p Cllr M J Kendal (Chairman)
- p Cllr B Rickman (Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:**

- p G C Beck
- e P C Greenfield
- p J D Heron

**Councillors:**

- p Mrs M D Holding
- p M H Thierry
- p C A Wise

**In Attendance:**

**Councillors:**

- K F Ault
- C Baker
- R J Neath

**Councillors:**

- Mrs M J Robinson
- Mrs S I Snowden

**Officers Attending:**

D Yates, C Malyon, Ms J Bateman, J Bull and Miss G O'Rourke.

**78. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

No declarations of interest were made by any members in connection with any agenda item.

**79. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

No issues were raised during the public participation period.

**80. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DISTRICT OF NEW FOREST (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER (REPORT A).**

The Cabinet considered the objections and representations received following the publication of the draft amendments to the Council's Off-Street Parking Places Order.

The Cabinet noted that the County Council, in supporting the introduction of car parking charges in off-street car parks in principle, qualified their consent by agreeing to the £5 charge for the parking clock payment method for a period of 12 months only. The County Council were of the view that charges should be sufficient, not only to meet the costs of administering the scheme, but also to ensure a change in peoples attitudes to encourage them to use alternative forms of transport.

The Leader said that he was confident that the calculations that had been made in setting the charges were robust. He said that the Council would want to use any surpluses made to work in partnership with the County Council to improve alternative means of transport in particular community transport scheme. Any income from decriminalisation arrangements could also be used towards this. The Leader said that the £5 charge was only ever intended as a charge to cover the administration costs of the scheme and had never been intended as a way of achieving a change in people's attitudes. He saw no reason for any early change in the clock cost, but said that everything had to be reviewed over time.

In considering the detail of the comments received, the Cabinet agreed that a minor amendment should be made to the advertised order to allow approximately 40 spaces in the car park in Sea Road, Milford-On-Sea to be designated as short stay, to provide a greater turn round of spaces to accommodate people wishing to shop locally, and to relieve pressure on surrounding roads.

**RESOLVED:**

That, due consideration having been given to the objections and representations received following publication of draft amendments to the Council's Off-Street Parking Places Order:-

- (i) that a modification be made to the draft amendments as published, to impose a 2 hour maximum waiting restriction in approximately 40 spaces at the Sea Road, Milford-on-Sea car park, as indicated on the plan displayed at the meeting;
- (ii) that the Cabinet does not consider that this modification makes a substantial change, within the meaning of regulation 14(3) of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) Regulations, to the advertised Order; and
- (iii) that, subject to the above modification, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorized to make the District of New Forest (Off-Street Parking Places) (Amendment) Order 2003, to implement the proposals as advertised with effect from 2 January 2004.

CHAIRMAN