



CAR PARKING CHARGES FOR 2014

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 As part of the annual budget process the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation has considered the car park charges for 2014 and concluded that, in order to assist local businesses and residents during the current economic climate, it would be inappropriate to raise car parking charges at this present time.
- 1.2 The Portfolio Holder also considers it would be unreasonable to introduce any new charges at this present time, including charging for Blue Badge Holders.

2. DRAFT DISTRICT OF NEW FOREST (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2013

- 2.1 The proposed Order was never confirmed and, taking into account the wishes of the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation in section 1 of this report, there is no requirement to amend the District of New Forest (off-Street Parking Places) (Amendment) Order to maintain the existing charges or tariffs.
- 2.2 Given 2.1 above it is proposed that the District of New Forest (Off Street Parking Places) (Amendment) Order 2013, as recommended by Cabinet on 6 March 2013, is not confirmed.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications contained in this report. Budgets relating to the parking service will be considered as part of the normal budget setting process for the financial year 2014/15.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no adverse environmental implications.

5. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None.

6. PORTFOLIO HOLDERS COMMENTS

- 6.1 I am aware that car park charges nationally have come under significant scrutiny in 2013 and that they are now the subject of a Government consultation. Fortunately, this Council has always been an advocate of low charges in order to benefit businesses, residents and encourage tourism. It is therefore appropriate that the District Council is again able to freeze car park charges for 2014.

7. RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 That the Cabinet note the decision of the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation with regards to the car parking charges for 2014.
- 7.2 That it be a recommendation to Council that the draft District of New Forest (Off-Street Parking Places) (Amendment) Order 2013 be not confirmed and that parking charges remain at present levels.

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Background Papers
Published Documents