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NOTIFICATION OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

On 16 October 2013, Cllr Vickers, the Planning and Transportation Portfolio Holder, made the following decision. Any member of the Council, who is not a Portfolio Holder, who considers that this decision should be reviewed should give notice to the Monitoring Officer (Grainne O'Rourke) (in writing or by e-mail) to be received **ON OR BY WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2013**.

Details of the documents the Portfolio Holder considered are attached.

DECISION:

That town and parish councils be invited to nominate an afternoon in the 4 week period immediately prior to Christmas Eve 2013 on which car parking will be suspended in their area.

REASON(S):

To support community events and businesses in the run up to Christmas.

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

As set out in the report considered by the Portfolio Holder

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED:

None

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SUSPENSION OF PARKING CHARGES FOR ONE HALF DAY IN DECEMBER 2013

1. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In each of the last four years local organisations have asked the Council to suspend car parking charges in their area to support specific events in the run-up to Christmas. This has promoted more visitors and shoppers to come to their town or village for the event. A request has been received for a similar arrangement to be agreed for 2013.

2. EXPERIENCE TO DATE

- 2.1 In previous years all those towns and villages with charged car parks have requested a half day suspension of car parking charges to coincide with an event they were organising.
- 2.2 Because the half day free parking coincided with events run by local organisations the car parks were very busy during the period for which charges were suspended. It is believed that the half day suspension of charges encouraged people to attend the various events.
- 2.3 Virtually all neighbouring authorities offer some form of concessionary parking over Christmas.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL, CRIME AND DISORDER AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report. The concession would however assist local businesses and support community events, which have general benefits for the area.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The cost to the Council can be contained within existing budgets.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Given the high take up by town and parish councils of the half day of free parking in preceding years, and the success of the associated events, the Council should support local businesses and communities by offering a half day free parking concession again this year.

6. RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Council invite Town and Parish Councils to nominate an afternoon in the 4 week period immediately prior to Christmas Eve 2013 on which car parking charges will be suspended in their area.

7. PORTFOLIO HOLDER ENDORSEMENT

7.1 I agree to the recommendation above.

Signed.....CLLR.F.P.VICKERS.....

Dated..... 14 OCTOBER 2013.....

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Date on which notice of this decision given - 16 October 2013

Last date for call-in - 23 October 2013