

## **PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION PORTFOLIO: PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **CHANGE TO THE DISTRICT OF NEW FOREST (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2005 TO INCORPORATE THE USE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS**

#### **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1. The Council's car parks are subject to the District of New Forest (Off-Street Car Parking Places) Order 2005 ('the Order') which sets out the regulations under which car parks in the District can be used. From time to time it becomes necessary to make an Amendment Order so that alterations to the Order can be made to reflect changing circumstances. An Amendment Order is subject to a legal process which includes a statutory consultation process.
- 1.2. The Council proposes to introduce a number Electric Vehicle Charging Points ('EVCPs') and, associated Electric Vehicle Parking Places ('EVPPs'), to car parks in the District. Therefore, an amendment is required to the Order.
- 1.3. Initially, three EVCPs and EVPPs will be introduced in the Council's car park at Fordingbridge as a pilot scheme. However, it is envisaged that their use will become more widespread in the future.

#### **2. ITEM FOR DECISION**

- 2.1. It is proposed that the Order be changed to allow for and incorporate the installation and use of EVCPs and EVPPs in the Council's car parks.
- 2.2. The Order requires amending to make provision for enforcement should there be misuse of the EVCPs or EVPPs.

#### **3. RATIONALE**

- 3.1. EVPPs will be identified in the car parks with appropriate signage.
- 3.2. It will be free for electric vehicles (a vehicle either solely or partially powered by electricity) to park in an EVPP whilst the vehicle is being charged using an EVCP. Once the charging process completes, the vehicle should either move to an ordinary parking space and the driver pays to park, where required in accordance with the requirements of the Order, or the vehicle should leave the car park.
- 3.3. Any vehicle not being an electric vehicle, or an electric vehicle which is not being charged, that parks in an EVPP would be in contravention of the amended Order and could then be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN).
- 3.4. It is important to be able to take enforcement action where EVCPs or EVPPs are misused to ensure they are available for use for drivers of electric vehicles to charge their vehicles.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. The introduction of EVPPs will result in less spaces being available for general parking. There may be a financial implication, in car parks where charges apply, because the use of the EVPPs will be free. Charges that would ordinarily have been collected for the use of those spaces will not apply. However, the impact of this will be minimal, as only a small number of EVPPs are proposed at this time and unless the Council's car parks are used to capacity all day, vehicles will be able to park in alternative spaces and pay the appropriate charges.
- 4.2. Misuse of EVCPs or EVPPs could lead to economic loss to the Council. Therefore, the proposed amendments to the Order are necessary to combat this.

#### **5. ENVIRONMENTAL, CRIME & DISORDER AND EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

##### **5.1. Environmental:**

The installation and use of electric vehicle charging points supports the use of electric vehicles which is of benefit to the environment.

##### **5.2. Crime and disorder and equality and diversity issues:**

There are no specific crime and disorder or equality and diversity implications. It is not proposed for the EVPPs or EVCPs to affect the current provision of disabled parking within the Council's car parks.

#### **6. RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1. That appropriate amendments are made to the District of New Forest (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2005 to allow for the provision, installation, use and enforcement of Electric Vehicle Parking Places and Electric Vehicle Charging Points.

**Portfolio Holder's endorsement:** (Signature) ...CLLR.E.J.HERON.....

Cllr E Heron

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