

## **PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION PORTFOLIO: PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE – 7 OCTOBER 2019**

### **CAR PARKING FEES & CHARGES 2020**

#### **1. ITEM FOR DECISION**

- 1.1 Each year, prior to the next year's parking clocks being advertised for sale, the Planning and Infrastructure Portfolio Holder reviews the cost of parking clocks and the pay and display charges to consider whether any adjustments should be made.

#### **2. CURRENT CHARGING STRUCTURE**

- 2.1 In 2017, we committed to keeping the price of parking clocks and our pay and display tariff the same for 2 years. In support of the local economy, people and area, we will be keeping the price the same for a further year so there will be no increase for 2020.

#### **3. OPERATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The Council would like to confirm its intention to have 4 days a year when parking charges do not apply in town and village centre car parks, to support local businesses.
- 3.2 For the last 6 years the Council has supported the national initiative "Small Business Saturday" by providing free parking. Small Business Saturday is a national initiative to encourage people to use and support local independent shops and business. This year, Small Business Saturday is being held on 7 December 2019.
- 3.3 In each of the last nine years, town and parish councils have been given the option to nominate a day when car parking charges are suspended to support specific local events in the run-up to Christmas (Unless this discretionary day has been previously used in support of a summer event). The Council wishes to continue with this support to help promote the Christmas activities for our Towns and Villages.
- 3.4 In addition, we will be suspending parking charges on the last weekend before Christmas to support our towns and villages. In 2019 this will be on the 21st and 22nd December 2019.

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

- 4.1 Any financial implications will be reported as part of the ongoing Portfolio Plan and budget setting process.

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

- 5.1 There are no implications arising directly as a result of this decision.

#### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 That the charges for parking in the Council's car parks remain unchanged for 2020; and

6.2 That the parking charges are suspended in the car parks on the days detailed in this report in the run up to Christmas in support of small businesses.

**7. PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION**

**I have agreed to the recommendations contained within this report.**

Signed: CLLR E J HERON

Date: 7 OCTOBER 2019

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Last date for call-in - 15 October 2019