

PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S DECISION – 15 OCTOBER 2018

FEES & CHARGES 2019 – CAR PARKING

1. ITEM FOR DECISION

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

Last year, the Council committed to keeping the price of parking clocks and our pay and display tariff the same for 2 years so there will be no increase for 2019.

3. SUPPORT FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

- 3.1 The Council would like to confirm its intention of having 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 5 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 1 December 2018.
- 3.3 In each of the last eight 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. The Council wishes to continue with this support to help promote the Christmas activities for our towns and villages.
- 3.4 Last year, for the first time, the Council announced that it would be suspending parking charges on the last weekend before Christmas, to support our towns and villages. In 2018 this will be on the 22nd and 23rd December

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. RECOMMENDATION

(a) That the charges for parking in the Council's car parks remain unchanged for 2019; and

(b) that parking charges are suspended in the car parks on the days detailed in Section 3 of this report, in the run up to Christmas, in support of small businesses and the local economy.

Portfolio Holder's endorsement:

CLLR E J HERON

Date: 19 October 2018

Date Notice of Decision given: 19 October 2018

Last Day for call-in: 26 October 2018

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