

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 15 October 2013

Decision No: (CAB 13/14 11528)

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| DECISION-MAKER: | INTERIM DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY |
| PORTFOLIO AREA: | ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY |
| SUBJECT: | CHARGING FOR RESIDENTS FIRST PARKING PERMITS |
| AUTHOR: | HIGHWAYS MANAGER |

THE DECISION

- (i) To approve the introduction of a £30 per year charge for renewals and new applications for First Resident Permits effective from 1st November 2013;
- (ii) To approve the introduction of a £15 charge for Temporary Resident Permits for first time applicants with a validity of 3 months, effective from 1st November 2013;
- (iii) To ensure that future Civil Parking Enforcement Annual Reports include details of permit income and costs in Residents Parking Zones, which will then be used as material consideration for any future variations in permit charges;
- (iv) To ensure that funding contributions are requested for Traffic Regulation Orders, in the form of parking restrictions, for developments where it is deemed appropriate to do so to mitigate against the impact of the development on the safety and amenity of local residents;
- (v) To review and update the Council's Resident Parking Scheme operational strategy in early 2014 to ensure that it reflects the current parking issues, community needs and sustainable travel policies. This will be used as the basis for review of existing Zones and the consideration of future requests; and
- (vi) To undertake a phased series of surveys, commencing in early 2014, of residents (Z1-12 & 16) eligible for First Residents Permits over whether they would wish their residents parking scheme to be changed or removed. Also to prioritise any changes to the existing scheme restrictions, over any possible expansion of Zones 1-12 & 16.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. Cabinet have approved the principle of introducing charges for First Resident's Permits in order that the schemes have a higher level of self-funding.

2. Cabinet has also approved the principle of introducing charges for Temporary Resident's Permits in order that the full cost of administration and issue are met.
3. There is a need to ensure that the assessment and justification for permit charges are transparent, so that residents may benefit from improvements in how the schemes are operated.
4. Members of the public have concerns that the expansion of the Southampton General Hospital and the University of Southampton, without adequate parking or travel arrangements is the root cause of many parking problems and there is therefore a need to ensure future development at these key sites is undertaken having regard to the impact on residents and parking.
5. There are significant concerns raised by residents as to whether the existing permit restrictions are still appropriate or whether they need to be amended or removed, subject to due process in the various zones.
6. Previous Council policy and practice has been driven by the need to deter weekday, non-resident/commuter parking, rather than the increasing issue of excess levels of resident parking overnight or at week-ends.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Not introducing these charges was rejected on the basis that the costs would otherwise have to be met by further Council subsidy funded by service reductions elsewhere such as further reductions in enforcement costs or by reducing expenditure in other priority areas such as CCTV. In the current budget restricted environment if a proportion of costs are not recoverable, then the council may not be able to implement new Residents parking Schemes or manage existing ones properly resulting on a detrimental impact on resident amenity and safety.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

NONE

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

NOT APPLICABLE

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date:

Decision Maker: (decision maker)

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| SCRUTINY Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions. |
| Call-In Period expires on 23 RD OCTOBER 2013 |
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| Date of Call-in <i>(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)</i> |
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| Call-in Procedure completed <i>(if applicable)</i> |
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| Call-in heard by <i>(if applicable)</i> |
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| Results of Call-in <i>(if applicable)</i> |
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