

EXETER CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE
05 FEBRUARY 2013

VARIATION OF DECISION ON PARKING TARIFFS

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Members' agreement to a minor variation in the changes to parking tariff proposals previously agreed by Executive on 20 November 2012.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 20 November 2012, Executive agreed a number of changes to tariff bands and the designation of a small number of car parks (and consequently the availability of commuter season tickets in these car parks) based on the recommendations of the all party Scrutiny Task and Finish Group. These are attached at Annex A for Members' reference. As always, implementation of these changes was subject to the consideration of any objections by the Strategic Director in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development and Transport.
- 2.2 Approximately 225 objections were received against the proposals, the majority of these concerning the removal of the eligibility for commuter season tickets in Howell Road and Magdalen Road car parks as a result of their redesignation as short stay car parks.
- 2.3 In view of the representations arguing for affordable workplace parking close to the city centre, and in light of the Corporate Plan priority to 'grow business and create jobs', the Strategic Director, Leader and Portfolio Holder were persuaded by the case to vary the original proposals to continue to allow the use of season tickets in Howell Road and Magdalen Road car parks, on Mondays to Fridays only, but to proceed with all the other tariff changes and reclassifications of car parks as agreed by Executive on 20 November 2012. As a consequence, this proposal needs to be referred back to Executive for formal resolution. As a further consequence, it has not been possible to proceed with the implementation of the other changes as the decision in relation to season tickets is an integral part of the overall proposals. A further decision is therefore required from Executive in order to implement slightly revised proposals from those originally approved.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 It is not clear what the financial implications of continuing to allow the use of season tickets in two short stay car parks will be. However, as reported to Members in November, parking revenues for 2012/13 are currently in excess of the profiled budget.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 It is recommended that

- (i) approval be given to the use of commuter season tickets, on Mondays to Fridays only, in Howell Road and Magdalen Road car parks; and
- (ii) the implementation of these changes to the City of Exeter (Civil Enforcement Off Street Parking Places) Order 2012, including the changes resolved by Executive on 20 November 2012, be made by way of an amendment to the existing Order. The Amendment Order therefore be advertised, made and sealed to come into force on 4 March 2013.

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Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1972 (as amended)

Background papers used in compiling this report:-

None