

Report for: Economy PDG

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| Date of Meeting: | June 8 th 2023 |
| Subject: | Establishment of Car Parking working group |
| Cabinet Member: | Cllr James Buczkowski |
| Responsible Officer: | Luke Howard- Environment and Enforcement Manager |
| Exempt: | No Exemptions |
| Wards Affected: | All Wards |
| Enclosures: | No Appendices |

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendation(s)

This report provides an update on the forming of a future Car Parking and Permit working group to consider potential future fee and tariff prices. This working group is designed to feed into potential future price increases and assist the consultation by involving the necessary personnel and local representatives from the District.

Recommendation(s):

Report is for note only- no recommendations are made.

Section 2 – Report

- 1.0 Following the decision taken at Cabinet on the 4 April 2023 to raise parking and permit tariffs, it was also decided that future potential parking and permit tariff increases above inflation should be first considered by an appropriate consultative body.
- 1.1 This would be a working group which would consist of (but not be limited to) future members of the Economy PDG, local town commerce groups, town council representatives, local business leaders and any other respective group that had a vested interest.

2.0 Working Group Functions

- 2.1 The purpose for the working group is to examine all potential aspects of future parking tariff increases prior to a final decision being taken by Cabinet as recommended first by the Economy PDG. This includes the potential percentages of increase being proposed, potential future permit costs and whether this will differ between locations eg towns based on vend and user type.
- 2.2 The working group would examine proposals and explore options regarding tariff increases, taking into consideration the views and input from local businesses, residents and user groups (such as those representing disabled motorists). This consultation would happen well in advance of any future consideration by Cabinet regarding potential future tariff rises.
- 2.3 As part of the working group, the best methods of consultation will be determined to ensure all communities are represented and have input into any future changes. Contact has already been established with Tiverton Town Council and their respective business-working group through the last set of proposed changes which were ratified by Cabinet in April 23 and they are keen to continue to participate with future processes.
- 2.4 The working group will not have the ability to decide on the final decision as this will be made by the Cabinet. It will be able to explore multiple options to provide a rounded approach to proposals that work within the respective communities that make up Mid Devon and help put these options to the Cabinet.
- 2.5 The S151 officer has delegated authority to increase tariff prices in line with inflation from the Cabinet decision made in April 23. The working group will meet to consider the longer term implications of potential tariff rises and the impact these would have on local business and communities. The working group will need to be mindful of how different options are likely to positively and negatively affect the overall position of the local community.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications from this precise report. However, the working group will need to consider the impact of any future decisions taken against the Councils Medium term financial plan (MTFP).

Legal Implications

No Legal implications. However, the working group will need to consider legal guidance regarding potential consultation periods.

Risk Assessment

No risk assessment required

Impact on Climate Change

Decisions surrounding parking can be identified as having an impact on the Districts carbon footprint. Identifying car parks specifically used for long stay and short stay help members of the public decide which is more appropriate based on their activity. In turn, this will reduce CO2 emissions through prevention of reduced journey times and movement.

Equalities Impact Assessment

No direct equality impacts in this report. However, the working group will need to consider inclusion of varying user groups of different car parks and their pricing.

Relationship to Corporate Plan

Parking provides financial resources which are made available to deliver the Council's ongoing Corporate Plan priorities.

Section 3 – Statutory Officer sign-off/mandatory checks

Statutory Officer:

Agreed by or on behalf of the Section 151

Date: LT 23/5/23

Statutory Officer:

Agreed on behalf of the Monitoring Officer

Date: LT 23/5/23

Chief Officer:

Agreed by or on behalf of the Chief Executive/Corporate Director

Date: LT 23/5/23

Performance and risk:

Agreed on behalf of the Corporate Performance & Improvement Manager

Date: LT 23/5/23

Cabinet member notified: Yes

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background papers

Published Cabinet Paper on April 4 2023 re 'Car Parking and Permit Tariffs: Review and Way Forwards'

<https://democracy.middevon.gov.uk/documents/g1607/Public%20reports%20pack%2004th-Apr-2023%2010.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=10>