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MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

SUMMARY of a **MEETING** of the **CAR PARKING WORKING GROUP** held on 17 September 2015 at 10.00 am

**Present
Councillors**

R Evans, J D Squire and R Wright

**Apologies
Councillors**

Mrs A R Berry, D R Coren and Mrs C P Daw

**Also Present
Officers:**

Claire Gillard (Accountant), Andrew Jarrett (Head of Finance), Stuart Noyce (Waste and Transport Manager) and Julia Stuckey (Member Services Officer)

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs R Berry, Cllr D R Coren and Cllr Mrs C Daw.

2 NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record.

3 MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman reminded the group of the background to the request for the figures that Members now had in front of them.

4 PROPOSED CHARGES

The Head of Finance explained funding pressures on the budget. The group were informed that surplus from car parking charges was put towards the general fund.

The group discussed the need for council run car parks to generate an income to put towards the general fund but also the role that they have in supporting the town centres and encouraging economic growth. The group had an aspiration to provide some form of free parking but this needed to be balanced with the need for income generation.

The Accountant outlined the financial information that the group had before them.

It was AGREED that there was a need to standardise charging across the district so that each of the three main towns offered the same parking options.

It was AGREED to extend the number of parking permits for William Street.

It was acknowledged that 'round numbers' would end overpayments which generally cost customers £20k per year.

The following pricing options were agreed:

Market Place, Becks Square, Market Street Crediton

30 mins 1

1 hour 1.50
2 hours 2.00
30 mins free overnight

agreed option 1
change Sundays, bank holidays and overnight to £1

William Street option 2 (30 mins free)
change Sundays, bank holidays and overnight to £1 (30 mins free)

Phoenix House, £0.60 for 30 minutes - car park to be re designated as short stay, agreed option 1

Westexe South

option 1

Wellbrook Street

option 1

long stay car parks

£1.50 for up to 5 hours, 10 hours stays the same at £2.

These charges would be agreed for 12 months with a quarterly review. Monthly monitoring would take place.

5 **NEXT STEPS**

It was AGREED that the Accountant would make amendments to the proposed fees as agreed and circulate to Members.

A meeting to be agreed for

amenity carparks
concessionary parking
permit parking

6 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be agreed.