

Management Committee

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Car Parking Permits

For Decision

Portfolio Holder(s)/ Briefholder

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Statutory Authority

Traffic Management Act 2004.
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Purpose of Report

- 1 To enable Management Committee to consider a recommendation from Policy Development Committee following their consideration of the Notice of Motion received from Councillor Alison Reed seeking Council members to support a Weymouth and Portland wide residents' discount scheme to use Council car parks during the visitor season.

Officer Recommendations

- 2 To agree as an interim facility to allow the purchase of a 3, 4 or 5 monthly 7 day a week permit for use by residents. This will cover use in any of 9 paying Weymouth and Portland non town centre council car parks for the summer months' period for £30 per month equating to approximately £1.00 per day.

Reason for Decision

- 3 To allow a temporary use of some council car parks by residents while the more detailed, longer investigation into all permits is undertaken by the Member Working Group established by Policy Development Committee.

Background and Reason Decision Needed

- 4 A Notice of Motion has been received from Cllr Alison Reed, and seconded by Cllr Claudia Moore with regards to residents' car parking permits. Members should note that the number 11 below is probably a typographical error as there are 31 Council operated car parks in Weymouth & Portland.
- 4.1 The Notice of Motion states: Parking Charges in Weymouth and Portland are an important revenue that contributes to the upkeep and maintenance of the 11 Car Parks it is responsible for. The increase in the Car Parking charges has caused considerable discord within a wide range of the population, businesses and residents alike.
- 4.2 Residents around popular visitor areas are forced to use Council Car Parks during the busiest times of the year paying the full cost of Car Parking permits at £325/annum/car.
- 4.3 This Notice of Motion is to ask all Councillors to support a Weymouth and Portland wide residents' discount scheme to use Council Car Parks during the visitor season.
- 4.4 This report will seek to make suitable temporary arrangement to deal with the provision of summer residents' permits, while a working group established by Policy Development Committee undertake a more comprehensive investigation into the overall car parking permit issue.
- 4.5 If the recommendation is agreed by Management Committee the permit would cover the following car parks, Beach, Chesil Beach, Lodmoor, Masonic, Nothe, Overcombe and Portland Bill. In addition, parking at the Magistrates Court would be permitted at weekends and on Bank Holidays.
- 4.6 The current policy with regards to car parking permits has not been reviewed in detail for many years. Further, the current efficiency and effectiveness has not been considered, nor whether this delivers the range of benefits relative to cost that they might.
- 4.7 There are a range of parking and season ticket concessions but the promotion of these, what is available, and the suitability as far as users are concerned, has not in recent years been addressed.
- 4.8 The changes to the on-street car parking management, the review of the current car parking policy, and now the notice of motion, have all indicated a wish and need to review the range, types and cost of available permits. This is now therefore an opportunity to look comprehensively at these to produce a new car parking permit policy.

Implications

1 Corporate Plan

D3. Ensuring the delivery of efficient and economic services, which are shaped by customer needs.

2 Financial

The financial implications of any revised car parking permit policy will need to be considered as part of the overall review.

The interim residents permit arrangements are believed unlikely to have a significant noticeable effect on the respective car parks overall income.

3 Appendices

None

4 Background Papers

Notice of Motion

Footnote

Issues relating to financial, environmental, economic and equalities implications have been considered and any information relevant to the decision is included within the report.

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