



CABINET

6TH FEBRUARY 2014

AGENDA ITEM (7)

RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF SUNDAY PARKING CHARGES AT THE BREWERY CAR PARK, CIRENCESTER

Accountable Member	Councillor BD Gibbs Cabinet Member for Customer Services
Accountable Officer	Claire Locke 01285 623000 claire.locke@cotswold.gov.uk

Purpose of Report	To respond to a Petition for the removal of Sunday parking charges in the Brewery Car park.
Recommendation(s)	That receipt of the Petition be noted and the previous decision, that current parking charges are appropriate, be reconfirmed.
Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)	To reflect the decision previously taken in November 2013 that current charges are appropriate.

Ward(s) Affected	Cirencester
Key Decision	No
Recommendation to Council	No

Financial Implications	Parking income on Sundays in the Brewery Car Park was £23,374 in 2012/13, which exceeded the projected income of £15,000 indicating motorists are not being deterred from using the Car Park by the introduction of charges.
Legal and Human Rights Implications	The Council may impose parking charges in its own Car Parks seven days a week.
Environmental and Sustainability Implications	None identified
Human Resource Implications	None identified
Key Risks	Removing Sunday parking charges would reduce parking income.

Equalities Analysis	An equalities assessment was considered when Sunday and evening charges were introduced in the Brewery Car Park. It was concluded that alternative free parking for Church goers was available at the Forum and Waterloo Car Parks and that those with disabilities may obtain Blue disabled badges, enabling them to park on-street for free, even where parking restrictions exist.
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Related Decisions	Cabinet 13 th October 2011 - Car Park Charges and Parking Service Improvements (Minute CAB 48 refers) Cabinet 7 th November 2013 - Notice of Motion - Review of Parking Tariffs and Structures (Minute CAB.49 refers)
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Background Documents	None
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Appendices	None
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Performance Management Follow Up	Car park performance is reported to the appropriate Cabinet Member on a monthly basis Financial performance is reported quarterly
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Options for Joint Working	The management restructuring across West Oxfordshire District Council and this Council will provide joint capacity to deal with strategic parking issues for both authorities.
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Background Information	
<p>1. The Council was presented with a Petition on 17th December 2013, requesting that "Sunday Parking charges in the Brewery car park be removed". The Petition was referred to the Cabinet for consideration.</p> <p>2. Following a previous Motion to review parking charges and structures, the Cabinet considered a report in November 2013 which included the Sunday and evening charges in the Brewery Car Park (Minute CAB.49 refers). The Cabinet resolved that:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) the Motion be rejected;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) the current parking tariffs and structures are considered to be appropriate.</p> <p>3. That report also included the appropriateness of charging for Sunday parking in the Brewery Car Park. As there have been no reported changes in circumstances since those decisions, the Cabinet could confirm its previous decision at resolution (b) above, in response to this Petition.</p>	

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