

Cabinet Member Decision Report

Recommended:

Authorise to make a new Off Street Parking Places Order (OSPPO) to remove the £2 surcharge on the parking tariffs at Leisure Centre Car Park, Andover with effect of 21 December 2015.

SUMMARY:

- This report seeks authority to make a new Off Street Parking Places Order removing the £2.00 surcharge from the Leisure Centre Car Park, Andover.
- The surcharge is no longer required following the opening of the West Street pay and display car park.
- Cabinet has already given consent for the surcharge to be removed with effect of 1st April 2016. The purpose of this urgent decision is to bring forward the date of implementation to 21 December 2015

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Authority is being sought to make a new Off Street Parking Places Order (OSPPO) to remove the £2 surcharge on the parking tariffs at Leisure Centre Car Park, Andover with effect of 21 December 2015.

2 Background

- 2.1 Leisure Centre Car Park is a 39 space pay and display car park located near Andover Leisure Centre. The car park currently has a £2 surcharge applied to the standard medium stay parking tariff. Users of the Leisure Centre are entitled to a refund of the surcharge.
- 2.2 The purpose of the surcharge was to encourage non Leisure Centre users to park in alternative town centre car parks so make more spaces available to Leisure Centre users during charging hours.
- 2.3 In October 2015 the Council opened West Street pay and display Car Park. This car park, formerly a private car park attached to Andover Magistrates Court, is located the same distance from the Leisure Centre and provides an additional 51 parking spaces. With the additional parking capacity provided by West Street Car Park it is considered there is no longer a need to apply the £2 surcharge to the Leisure Centre pay and display car park.
- 2.4 The surcharge is an inconvenience and deterrent to the public using the car park. Authority is sought to remove the surcharge as a matter of urgency.

3 Corporate Objectives and Priorities

- 3.1 This proposal supports the corporate priority “Work and Do Business” by removing what is now an unnecessary parking surcharge.

4 Consultations/Communications

- 4.1 Valley Leisure who operate Andover Leisure Centre have been consulted and have no object to the proposal

5 Resource Implications

- 5.1 There are no resource implications.

6 Legal Implications

- 6.1 Without this decision the new Off Street Parking Places Order cannot be made. There are no other legal implications.

7 Equality Issues

- 7.1 There are no equality implications to this decision.

8 Other Issues

- 8.1 None

9 Conclusion and reasons for recommendation

- 9.1 The surcharge is now an unnecessary inconvenience and deterrent to the public using the car park. Authority is sought to make a new Off Street Parking Places Order to remove the surcharge without delay.

Background Papers (Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D)

None

Confidentiality

It is considered that this report does not contain exempt information within the meaning of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and can be made public.

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