

Budget and Performance Panel

Parking Permits Authorised by the Council

26th February 2008

Report of Head of Property Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Members with information regarding all free and subsidised parking permits authorised by the City Council.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That the report be noted.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 At its meeting of 15th January 2008 the Budget and Performance Panel resolved:-

- (1) That the Budget and Performance Panel recommends that SLAs do not include elements of free parking and further that Cabinet consider ending the system of free parking permits to outside bodies.
- (2) That a report be brought back before the Budget and Performance Panel regarding all free and subsidised parking permits authorised by the City Council. (Minute No. 43 refers)

Following this Cabinet resolved at its meeting on 22nd January 2008:-

- (1) That the system of free parking permits to outside bodies be terminated from the end of the existing permit period. (Minute No. 94 refers)

2.0 Details

2.1 The table below illustrates the estimated 2008/09 income following Cabinet's decision to terminate free parking permits currently authorised by the Council, of which both Citizens Advice Bureaux, Relate and the Samaritans were subject to SLA grant applications:-

Organisation	Permits	Price	Total
Citizens Advice - Lancaster	4	770.00	3080.00
Citizens Advice – Morecambe	1	475.00	475.00
Relate – Lancaster	2	770.00	1540.00
Samaritans	1	770.00	770.00
Age Concern - Lancaster	3	770.00	2310.00
WRVS - Morecambe	1	475.00	475.00
Totals	12		8650.00

2.2 There are only two other arrangements and these are linked to land and property issues:-

6 permits on the Library Car Park for Morecambe Library - 6 permits approved by the Council's Transportation Committee in 1986 linked to a land conveyance going back to June 1969 that allocated 6 spaces on the newly constructed Library Car Park.

3 permits on the West View Car Park via a long standing agreement linked to blocking a right of way in the Northumberland Street area when the car park was constructed.

In these two cases where the parking permits are part of a land transaction, the Council cannot unilaterally remove these permits without negotiating appropriate compensation with the other parties involved.

The City Council does receive free parking requests from time to time and these are refused as the only free parking approved by the Council is for Christmas and the recently approved Remembrance Sunday arrangement.

3.0 Conclusion

3.1 Members are requested to note the information which they requested at their meeting on 15th January 2008. As stated above, Cabinet has agreed to terminate any agreements of free parking permits to outside bodies from the end of the existing permit period and the remaining agreements cannot be removed without compensation costs being incurred on the City Council.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 one has been consulted and has no further comments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A

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