

CABINET

URGENT BUSINESS

21 March 2014

Report of Chief Officer (Environment)

PURPOSE OF REPORT			
To enable reconsideration of the decision made by Cabinet on 11 March 2014 with regard to Car Parking Objections			
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key Decision	Officer Referral
Date of notice of forthcoming key decision	n/a		
This report is public			

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19, Cabinet is requested to consider rescinding its previous decision made on 11 March 2014 (Minute 95 refers) and reconsider the objections to the City Council's plan to charge for car parking in Lancaster on bank holidays.
- (2) That, if Cabinet agrees to rescind its decision and thereby not introduce charging for car parking on bank holidays in Lancaster, the Chief Executive be requested to consult the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the waiver of call-in in order for the decision to be implemented immediately.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the Cabinet meeting on 11 March 2014 Cabinet considered a report on Parking Charges – Objection and made the following recommendation:-

That Cabinet resolve not to uphold the objections and that the process of implementing the decisions already agreed continue.

- 1.2 In view of the strength of feeling expressed by Lancaster District Chamber of Commerce and Lancaster BID, and in accordance with Council procedure rule 19.1 which permits a motion or amendment to rescind a decision made at a meeting of Cabinet within the past six months to be moved, a quorum of 4

Cabinet members (Councillors Blamire, Bryning, Hanson and Sands) has requested that the decision be reconsidered.

- 1.3 The decision will be taken under the City Council's Urgent Business Procedure Rules as a decision is required by Monday 24 March 2014.
- 1.4 A copy of the request to reconsider the item is attached at Appendix A.
- 1.5 A copy of the original report to Cabinet is attached at Appendix B.
- 1.6 Further information received from the Chamber and BID is attached at Appendix C.

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

As per original report

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT
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(including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, HR, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

As per original report

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

As per original report

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications remain as set out in the original report, that is:

The estimated budgetary impact of upholding the objection would be a shortfall in income of £5,000 per annum. In addition, any delays in implementing the new schedule of car parking charges, i.e. if the decision cannot be implemented from the 1 st April 2014, will result in a loss of revenue in the region of £2,000 per week.

There will also be further advertising costs if required; these are estimated to be £1,500.

As the budget has been set and agreed by Council, at its meeting of 26 th February 2014, any agreed budgetary shortfall will require compensating savings to be found.

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Human Resources:

n/a

Information Services:

n/a

Property:

n/a

Open Spaces:

n/a

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

As indicated in the financial implications, upholding the objection will lead to an annual budget shortfall of £5,000. In addition, for 2014/15 further shortfalls of £2,000 per week could arise from delayed implementation of new car parking charges. As it stands, the request to rescind the decision does not identify any compensating savings to meet these shortfalls. Members are advised to consider this issue and be clear on how it is to be addressed in making their decision.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

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

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