

Subject: Management of Car Parks in the Borough

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Report to: The Cabinet

Date: 15 November 2006

Report of: Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Portfolio Holder: Cabinet Member for Regeneration

Key Decision: Yes

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To recommend to Cabinet the decision of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee in respect of the Management of Car Parks in the Borough.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 2.1 The matters discussed in this report are linked to and support the following corporate priorities:

Delivering Regeneration across the Borough (Economy)

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 4.1 The Review Team was set up following a report submitted by the Head of Street Scene and Liveability which contained options for consideration by Members designed at improving the management of Council car parks and to ensure equal control on car parks in Rossendale.
- 4.2 The remit of the Review Team was to look at the way in which the car parks were managed. It also considered how maintenance works to improve the car

parks could be funded together with the options available to improve the way in which the car parks were managed in the future.

The options were:-

1. The introduction of charges and extension of the disc controlled parking
2. The introduction of charges to short stay car parks, with 2 hours free parking
3. The extension of disc controlled parking
4. Leave as they are

4.3 The summary report of the Review Team and the full report have been previously circulated.

5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

5.1 There will be budget implications from the extension of disc parking. The improvement programme should be managed from existing capital and revenue resources.

6. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

6.1 At this stage there are no significant legal implications.

7. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES

7.1 No specific comments in relation to the report.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 The Review Team's report was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee at its meeting on 9th November 2006 and their recommendations are set out below for the consideration of the Cabinet.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That the Cabinet be requested to consider the following recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee:

1. That the resolutions agreed in November 2003 and January 2004 in respect of previous decisions on the introduction of car parking charges should not be implemented.
2. That the Review Team continues to oversee the implementation of the Car Park Improvement Programme, doing this will ensure that over the coming years the people of Rossendale will see continued improvements in the provision of car parking within the Borough.
3. That no hackney carriage and/or private hire vehicles be allowed to part on short stay car parks between the hours of 8am-6pm.

4. That (in line with Lancashire County Council Mobility Guidelines) additional disabled parking spaces be increased, subject to a more detailed report to be presented to Cabinet in consultation with the Chair.
5. That the Review Team work in partnership with Lancashire Locals to investigate the issue on the requirements for additional facilities for cycle, motorcycle and coach parking for the Borough and they be requested to report back on findings.
6. That the Review Team continue to look at disc parking throughout the Borough.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- Visits were made to three neighbouring authorities aimed at discussing with them how they manage their parking facilities
- Main topic of discussion at the four local Area Forums in the Borough
- Public meetings in Crawshawbooth and Waterfoot

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No background papers