

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Cabinet Member for Environmental Services

Date of Meeting: 9 July 2009
Report of: Parking and Markets Manager
Subject/Title: Amendment to the Off-Street Parking Places Order (Crewe and Nantwich) to include the Civic Centre (Library) Car Park, Crewe

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report proposes the amendment of the Off-Street Parking Order (Crewe and Nantwich) to include the Civic Centre (Library) Car Park, Crewe.

2.0 Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services

- (1) approve an amendment to the (General) (Off Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2007 (as amended to comply with the Traffic Management Act 2004), the effect of which will be to introduce control under the Act to The Civic Centre (Library) Car Park, Crewe; and
- (2) agree the controlled hours to be from 8am to 6pm Monday to Sunday inclusive, in accordance with the existing Order as applicable in the area of the former Borough of Crewe and Nantwich.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The inclusion of this car park within the Order will enable proper patrols, regulation and enforcement against contraventions. Without a Car Park Order, contraventions cannot be enforced without considerable extra effort and expense.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 Crewe East

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 Councillors Steve Conquest, Margaret Martin and Chris Thorley

6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change - Health

6.1 This accords with the parking and charging strategy approved by Cabinet in April.

6.2 Improved control of traffic access and circulation may improve air quality.

7.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

None.

8.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

8.1 The car park will be patrolled as part of existing beats by Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) from the Crewe based team. Thus no additional cost will be incurred. Any Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) issued (maximum £70 each for parking in a disabled bay, and £50 for other contraventions, all halved if paid within discount period) will help to defray costs of the service.

8.2 Any surplus earned as shown in the On Street Parking Account must be used for improvements to highways or car parks first, under the terms of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

8.3 Should the means of payment and level of charges change in future, the existence of a valid Car Park Order will assist the management of the car park to achieve proper control of space availability and of income.

8.4 There will be some set up costs required in year 2009/10 for signs, lines and administration not exceeding £2,500 which should be absorbed through increased income. These will be met from income from current charging in this car park.

9.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

9.1 The regulations may be enforced on this car park within the existing terms of the Off Street Parking Places Order and under the provisions of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

This is considered to be a “non-Key Decision “ within the Cheshire East definition in that it affects one Ward only and is below £100,000 in financial effect and is therefore appropriate for Portfolio Holder decision.

10.0 Risk Management

10.1 No significant risks are attached to this decision.

- 10.2 If it is not done the risk is that contraventions and other misuse on the car park cannot be enforced against without recourse to lengthy legal process.

11.0 Background

- 11.1 The Car park was previously managed by Cheshire County Council outside of Car Park Order control and was not subject to enforcement. It is now necessary to make this amendment to enable Cheshire East Parking Services to manage the site properly.

12.0 Overview of Year One and Term One Issues

- 12.1 N/A

13.0 Access to Information

The Cheshire East Off Street Parking Places Order (Crewe and Nantwich) 2008

Notice of Proposal and Amendment to the Order in respect of Civic Centre Car Park, Crewe.

Documents are available for inspection at: Legal Library, Municipal Buildings Crewe.

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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