

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT AND PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of meeting: 6 August 2009
Report of: The Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer
Title: Call In of Cabinet Member Decision - Introduction of Parking Charges on Thomas Street Car Park, Crewe

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the procedure for the Call In of the Cabinet Member Decision regarding the introduction of parking charges on Thomas Street Car Park, Crewe of 9 July 2009.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Scrutiny Committee considers whether or not it wishes to offer advice to Cabinet in response to the Call In.

3.0 Wards Affected

- 5.1 Crewe East, Crewe North, Crewe South and Crewe West

4.0 Local Ward Members

- 4.1 All Members for the above Wards.

5.0 Policy Implications

- 5.1 Contained within the attached report.

6.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs

- 6.1 Contained within the attached report.

7.0 Financial Implications for 2009/10 and beyond

- 7.1 Contained within the attached report.

8.0 Legal Implications

- 8.1 Contained within the attached report.

9.0 Risk Assessment

- 9.1 Contained within the attached report.

10.0 Background and Options

- 10.1 In accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 12.3, Councillors Flude, Thorley, Moran, Beard, Martin, Howell, Conquest and Cartlidge have called in the above decision for the reasons identified in Appendix 1
- 10.2 In accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 12.6 the Scrutiny Committee has two options. It may decide to offer no advice, in which case the decision may be implemented. If the Scrutiny Committee decides to offer advice, the matter must be referred to Cabinet in order for a decision to be made upon it, the Cabinet in accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 12.8 will not be bound to accept any advice offered to it and will have sole discretion on any further action to be taken, such action may include:
- (1) Confirming with or without amendment the original decision; or
 - (2) Defer the matter pending further consideration; or
 - (3) Make a different decision.
- 10.3 Where the Scrutiny Committee decides to offer advice, this must be clearly documented in the minutes
- 10.4 If the Scrutiny Committee decides not to offer any advice, then the decision of Cabinet can be implemented immediately.
- 10.5 Full details of the Call In Procedure can be found at Scrutiny Procedure Rule 12
- 10.6 The appropriate Cabinet Member and Officer will attend the meeting to explain the background and reasons for the decision and to answer any questions the Committee may have.
- 10.7 The following wording records the Cabinet Member decision of 9 July 2009:

That

1. Subject to statutory consultation, an amendment be made to the Borough of Crewe and Nantwich (General) (Off-Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) (Minor) Order 2008 to introduce a pay and display system of parking at Thomas Street Car Park, Crewe;
2. Charging be introduced at the Thomas Street Car Park at the level of charging existing in the said 2008 Order but with amendments as follows: Monday to Friday inclusive 8am to 5pm: Up to 1 hour = 70p; Up to 2hrs = £1.00; 2-4hrs = £1.50; 4 to 10hrs = £2.20; Saturday and Sunday: free parking. Season tickets will also be sold at a fee of £400 per annum, limited to a maximum of 50% of available bays ;
3. The additional set-up costs referred to in the report be funded via the new income stream; and
4. The proposal be advertised for the statutory period of 21 days and any objections be considered by the Cabinet Member at a subsequent meeting.

- 10.8 The Cabinet Member report is attached at Appendix 2.
- 10.9 A response to the issues raised in the Call In Notice is attached at Appendix 3

11.0 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Call In Notice
Appendix 2 – Cabinet Member Report
Appendix 3 – Response to the issues raised in the Call In Notice

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Background Documents:-

The Councils Constitution

Documents are available for inspection at:

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