

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## Cabinet Member for Environmental Services

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**Date of Meeting:** 10 December 2009  
**Report of:** Head of Safer/Stronger Communities  
**Subject/Title:** Supplementary report regarding the proposed Amendment to the Off-Street Parking Places Order (Crewe and Nantwich) to include the Civic Centre (Library) Car Park, Crewe and to further clarify charges on this car park

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### 1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 At a meeting of 9 July 2009, the Cabinet Member approved, subject to statutory consultation, the introduction of car parking control at the Civic Centre (Library) Car Park, Crewe. At a subsequent meeting of 3 August 2009, the Cabinet Member further approved that charging for the Car Park be introduced at £2.50 per day or £400 for an annual permit. The supplemental report now before the Cabinet Member seeks approval and clarification that the proposed daily rate of £2.50 is for Monday to Saturday parking, and that it is proposed that Sunday parking at this car park shall remain free of charge.

### 2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services approves
- (1) that subject to statutory consultation, an amendment be made to the Borough of Crewe and Nantwich (General) (Off Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) (Minor) Order 2008 (as amended to comply with the Traffic Management Act 2004), the effect of which will be to introduce control under the 2004 Act to The Civic Centre (Library) Car Park, Crewe;
  - (2) that the proposed controlled hours, charging hours and rates, permit system and maximum waiting time for The Civic Centre (Library) Car Park be as follows:
    - Controlled hours: 8am to 6pm Monday to Sunday inclusive;
    - Charging hours: Monday to Saturday (inclusive)
    - Daily Charges: Monday to Saturday (inc): £2.50  
Sunday: free of charge
    - Permit System: £400 per annum upon application and subject to availability
    - Maximum waiting time: 11 hours

- (3) that the proposal be advertised for the statutory period of 21 days and any objections be considered by the Cabinet Member at a subsequent meeting.

### **3.0 Reasons for Recommendations**

- 3.1 As contained in the previous report of 9 July 2009.

### **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 As reported on 9 July 2009, this accords with the parking and charging strategy approved by Cabinet in April. 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 As contained in a previous report of 9 July 2009: 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 Existing charges for parking on this site will remain, i.e. £2.50 per day or £400 for an annual contract permit. 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 As reported on 9 July 2009: 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.

## **10.0 Risk Management**

As reported on 9 July 2009: No significant risks are attached to this decision, however, if it is not done there is a risk that contraventions and other misuse on the car park cannot be enforced against without recourse to lengthy legal process.

## **11.0 Background**

As reported on 9 July 2009: 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

### ***Access to Information***

Borough of Crewe and Nantwich (General) (Off Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) (Minor) Order 2008

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

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

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