

# DECISION ITEM



REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	13 SEPTEMBER 2016	7
<b>CAR PARKING CHANGE TO PUBLIC OFFICES CAR PARK OPERATING DAYS</b>			

## PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

### SUMMARY

This report outlines proposals to change the Public Offices Car Park operating days from Saturdays and Sundays to 7 days a week public pay and display parking.

### RECOMMENDATION

1. The committee is recommended to approve the proposed adjustment to the operating days of Public Offices car park to enable public long stay pay and display parking Monday to Sunday.
2. That the Fylde Resident's Parking Scheme use of this car park be extended to include Monday to Sunday.

### SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Executive Committee on 26/1/2005 introduced weekend charging on the Public Offices car park.

### CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services ( <b>Value for Money</b> )	√
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council ( <b>Clean and Green</b> )	√
Working with all partners ( <b>Vibrant Economy</b> )	
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live ( <b>A Great Place to Live</b> )	
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit ( <b>A Great Place to Visit</b> )	√

## REPORT

1. The Public Offices car park is currently only available to members of the public for long stay pay and display on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. At other times the main car park to the rear of the site's buildings is only available for permit holders with 4 short stay visitor bays and 3

disabled bays to the front of the buildings. This is to ensure that there is some parking space available to members of the public who visit the current One Stop Shop while ensuring staff can park close to their place of work without impacting on the wider local community.

2. As part of the Town Hall development the Council's Customer Services Team are due to move into the new Town Hall One Stop Shop and reception area in October. As such members of the public will no longer visit the Public Offices building. Although for a time there will be the need for staff to use the Public Offices building whilst works to the upper floors of the Town Hall take place there will be no need for visitor parking to the building.
3. The future of the Public Offices site, including the car park, is currently uncertain with it being marketed for sale with development potential. Should a suitable bid for the site be accepted it will take a minimum of a year for planning permission to be applied for/considered/granted and the various legal stages of a sale to go through; a period when this car park is likely to be underutilised.
4. It is proposed that from November 2016 onwards the Public Offices Car Park is made available for public parking from Monday to Sunday using the current long stay tariff structure. This should have the added benefit of providing public long stay parking close to St Annes town centre for customers of local businesses as well as providing a viable option to guests of local hotels (e.g. the Travelodge) who currently park on nearby residential streets. Staff/Councillor permit holders will still be able to use this car park as an alternative to North Promenade car park.
5. With the car park being made available 7 days a week for pay and display customers it is also recommended that the Fylde Resident's Parking Scheme (FRPS) be extended to reflect this change. Currently FRPS customers can use the Public Offices car park on Saturdays and Sundays plus Bank Holidays only. This change will allow these permit holders the opportunity to park closer to St Annes town centre throughout the week during peak times (11am to 3pm).
6. To implement this change the car park legal order will need to be altered with associated advertising costs. Part of the car park is due for some surface patch repair work as part of standard maintenance regime. Some additional lines will be required to mark the parking area to the rear of the main Public Offices building as well as relining other elements. Adjustments to the existing pay and display machine will be carried out in-house using tariffs used on other long stay car parks. The existing tariff board will need to be adjusted to advise the change of days. To encourage greater use of this car park by members of the public it is proposed that the current large One Stop Shop signs to the front of the Public Offices site are replaced with appropriate signs advertising the car park. Total costs is estimated at £2,000. The cost will be contained within the existing approved car park budgets. As a consequence of the proposed changes there will be additional car park income. However it is not possible to quantify the scale of this at this stage. The income budget will be kept under review and will be revised as appropriate in future updates to the Medium Term Financial Strategy to reflect any additional income arising from the proposed changes.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	The cost of implementing the proposed changes are estimated at £2,000. The cost will be contained within the existing approved car park budgets. As a consequence of the proposed changes there will be additional car park income. However it is not possible to quantify the scale of this. The income budget will be kept under review and will be revised as appropriate in future updates to the Medium Term Financial Strategy to reflect any additional income arising from the proposed changes.
Legal	The need to change the car park order is covered in the report.
Community Safety	None
Human Rights and Equalities	None
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
none		