

Appendix 7: Previous Decisions Regarding Extended Car Park Operating Hours

In 2006 the charging hours were changed on the car parks from 9am to 6pm (as they are currently) to 8am to 8pm. After just one year the hours reverted to what they were previously. The official information that Democratic Services have been able to locate that relate to the decision to revert to the original charging hours is set out below:

15/02/2007:

Scrutiny meeting report suggesting a task and finish group should be established:

There are a number of specific areas that require closer examination as part of this review and it is expected that these will set the focus for the proposed task group. The areas requiring particular attention are as follows –

5.1 Operational hours and evening charges

28/03/2007:

Task and finish group reported back to scrutiny committee:

The group closely examined the success of the implementation of the evening tariff in the car parks over the last year. It is fair to say that there has been a considerable amount of criticism over the introduction of an evening tariff in the car parks and many requests had been received to revert to the previous 9am to 6pm arrangements. Members may recall that this was adopted as an alternative to introducing a flat rate increase in fees in the last financial year. The income received from the introduction of the evening tariff in the last year has amounted to less than £6k. It is the view of the Group, therefore, that the evening tariff should be discontinued and that the operating hours should revert to a 9am to 6pm arrangement.

16/04/2007:

Individual cabinet member decision:

The committee approved the recommended change to the evening tariff (that it should be discontinued) and that the charging hours should revert to a 9am to 6pm arrangement.