

DECISION ITEM

| REPORT OF | MEETING | DATE | ITEM NO |
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| DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE | OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE | 12 SEPTEMBER 2017 | 5 |
| COUNCIL QUESTION – ALDERMAN CAR PARKING | | | |

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY

A question was tabled at the Full Council meeting on July 17th 2017 by Councillor Mulholland regarding the provision of free car parking for life to Alderman of the Borough. The Chairman of the Operational Management Committee responded by agreeing to have the matter discussed and decided on by the committee. The report provides details of the question put to full council and the factors members may want to consider.

RECOMMENDATION

That the committee agree to the provision of a car parking pass for the Residents Car Parking Scheme without charge to any Alderman who chooses to apply for one.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Full Council July 17th 2017 decision to refer the matter to the committee.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

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

REPORT

- At the Full Council meeting on July 17th 2017 Councillor Mulholland tabled the following question as part of the formal agenda under Questions from Members of the Council:

“Would council consider allowing Honourable Alderman to have parking passes for council owned car parks. To be considered as an Alderman of the Borough a member should normally have served at least sixteen years as a councillor, which in my opinion is quite an achievement and allowing them to receive a parking pass would go some way to recognise the prolonged public service they have given to the borough. I believe the loss of income for such a scheme would be so minimal as to be almost insignificant. I hope that this matter can be passed to the relevant committee for further consideration”.

2. Councillor Eaves agreed to have the item discussed at the next Operational Management Committee. The Council's parking team have considered the request and taken into account a number of factors. Whilst the number of current Alderman is very low at 8 it is anticipated that this number will increase over the next few years based on the service of current elected members.
3. Members of the committee will be aware that Town Centre short stay prime car parking spaces are at a premium in Lytham and St Anne's and can generate significant income throughout the year. These spaces are in demand, used by a large number of cars visiting the town centres for short stay on a daily basis and there are insufficient spaces in both Lytham and St Anne's. However, the council has a significant number of long stay car park spaces in and around the edge of Lytham and St Anne's that are included in the Fylde Residents Parking Scheme established by this council several years ago. These spaces are in a variety of locations and, per space, do not generate the income of the short stay prime spaces.
4. The Council could offer Alderman a Fylde Residents Parking Scheme permit without charge (normal value £25 per year) in recognition of the status they hold and could obtain a free pass using the existing procedure used for issuing Councillor permits. The resource implications are minimal and any administration would be absorbed into existing resources, processes and systems.

| IMPLICATIONS | |
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| Finance | If the recommendation is approved there would be a minor loss of income to the car parking service, the impact of which could be contained within the existing approved budget. |
| Legal | None as a result of this report |
| Community Safety | None as a result of this report |
| Human Rights and Equalities | None as a result of this report |
| Sustainability and Environmental Impact | None as a result of this report |
| Health & Safety and Risk Management | None as a result of this report |

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| BACKGROUND PAPERS | | |
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| Name of document | Date | Where available for inspection |
| Notice of Motion | 17 July 2017 | Full Council Meeting |