

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>MANAGEMENT OF DOVER DISTRICT LEISURE CENTRE ('FITNESS FIELDS') CAR PARK</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>21 February 2019</b>
<b>Decision to be taken by:</b>	<b>Councillor Nigel Collor, Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Roger Walton, Strategic Director (Operations and Commercial)</b>
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<b>Decision Type:</b>	<b>Key Decision</b>
<b>Call-in to be suspended:</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Classification:</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>
<b>Delegated Authority:</b>	<b>Paragraph 12 of Section 3C of Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Constitution</b>
<b>Purpose of the report:</b>	To include the new Dover District Leisure Centre ('Fitness Fields') car park in the Council's Dover District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order to enable parking enforcement and management of the parking provision.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To include the Dover District Leisure Centre Car Park ('Fitness Fields') in the Council's Dover District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order as a non-chargeable car park with a four-hour maximum stay and no return within two hours restrictions.</li> <li>2. To include the Dover District Leisure Centre car park in the annual parking charges review process.</li> </ol>

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks Cabinet agreement to allow the new Dover District Leisure Centre car park "Fitness Fields" to be included within the Dover District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order; this will enable the car park to be appropriately managed by the Parking Services team.
- 1.2 In making this recommendation, consideration has been given to equality issues. It is not anticipated that this proposal will adversely affect any of the groups having protected characteristics contrary to the Equalities Act 2010.

## 2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1 The new Dover District Leisure Centre is scheduled to open on 25 February 2019. During the discussions regarding the development of the new facility, it was

determined that parking should be free within the car park which would promote and encourage users to the Leisure Centre.

- 2.2 It is proposed to implement a four-hour maximum stay with two hours no return parking restriction at this site. The aim of this limitation is to deter non Leisure Centre users from utilising the car park facilities.
- 2.3 Permits for the car park will be made available for use by staff and to support special events, e.g. swimming galas. The Parking Enforcement team will work closely with the leisure centre to ensure the enforcement regime remains balanced and fit for purpose.
- 2.4 A maximum stay limit will enable the parking services team to manage the car park accordingly ensuring that the users of the car park remain the users of the Leisure Centre.
- 2.5 As noted above, this car park is to be a non-chargeable car park. It is suggested that this is reviewed annually as part of the annual parking charges review.
- 2.6 This car park will be providing two EV charging bays which will support and promote the Council's Air Quality initiatives.

### 3. **Identification of Options**

- 3.1 Option 1. To agree to the inclusion of the new Dover District Leisure Centre car park ('Fitness Fields') in the Council's Dover District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order to enable the enforcement and management of the car park by Parking Services under the authority of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. **This is the preferred option.**
- 3.2 Option 2. To not include the new Dover District Leisure Centre car park in the authority's Dover District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order.

### 4. **Evaluation of Options**

- 4.1 Option 1 - the preferred option because this will ensure that there is a continued and reasonable "turn over" of available parking spaces which in turn will support those utilising the facilities at the Leisure Centre by ensuring there is maximum parking provision available.
- 4.2 Option 2 - this will prevent Dover District Council from being able to manage the car park at Fitness Fields under the authority of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. This will have a negative impact on the car park and the users of the Leisure Centre as no parking controls will be in place to ensure the users of the parking facilities are actually visiting the Leisure Centre.

### 5. **Resource Implications**

- 5.1 There are no resource implications.

### 6. **Corporate Implications**

- 6.1 Comment from the Director of Finance (linked to the MTFP): Finance has been consulted and has nothing further to add.

6.2 Comment from the Solicitor to the Council: The Solicitor to the Council has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no further comments to make.

6.3 Comment from the Equalities Officer: This report does not specifically highlight any equality implications however in discharging their duties members are required to comply with the public sector equality duty as set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15>.

6.4 Other Officers (as appropriate):

7. **Appendices**

None.

8. **Background Papers**

None.

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