

ISSUES ARISING FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY OR OTHER COMMITTEES

EXTENSION OF PARKING CHARGE PERIOD AND ON-STREET PARKING CHARGES

Responsibility: Portfolio Holder for Transport and Licensing

Report of: Head of Commercial Services

Decision Route

Cabinet	3 February 2020	CAB 129
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	10 February 2020	Minute No 107
Cabinet	24 February 2020	

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting held on 10 February 2020, considered Cabinet decision CAB 129 and made the following recommendations to Cabinet, requesting that it takes these points into account when considering the results of the consultation. The recommendation that differs from the Cabinet resolution is highlighted in bold:

RESOLVED: **(a) That it not proceed with extending the charging period by 1 hour from 0900-1700 to 0900-1800 for all On and Off-Street Parking Places on the grounds that the report contains no, or inadequate or irrelevant, information why changing the end charging time is necessary or desirable for financial or operational reasons to form the basis for an informed decision. In 2015 professional consultants recommended that the end charging time be moved earlier to 5pm. No reasons are given why this recommendation is no longer valid. No separate figure for the forecast financial impact of this change is provided. No evidence is provided that there is any shortage of spaces after 5pm that an increase in turnover would rectify. The Council's own shopping survey shows that competition for trade is not with neighbouring town centres but with out-of-town shopping centres such as Westwood Cross and White Cliffs Business Park where parking is free all day.**

(b) That the proposed on-street parking and permit charges, as set out at Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.

(c) That the Transport and Parking Services Manager be authorised to take all necessary legal and procedural processes to give effect to recommendation (b), including the giving of notices, the making or

amendment of any orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Licensing, the consideration of any representations received during the consultation process.