

CABINET – 16 OCTOBER 2018

EXTRACT MINUTE

13. **AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF RESIDENTS PARKING CONCESSIONS ON OFF-STREET CAR PARKS IN THE BOROUGH FOLLOWING CONSULTATION**

The Cabinet considered a report by the Director (LD) (Reference 18/237) in respect of the proposed introduction of an amended scheme of residents' parking concessions in the Borough. Members were reminded that this item had been deferred at the previous Cabinet meeting in September, to allow officers further time to review the scheme in light of comments received in the consultation, in particular in revising the scheme to remove the initial cost of subscription. This had been achieved in the current proposals to introduce a 'virtual' residents' car parking permit, thereby removing the administrative costs and the original £10 fee. The recommendation to introduce a nominal winter car parking charge of £1 for 24 hours remained to offset the costs of securing a discount for residents. Members welcomed the proposed scheme, noting the important consideration it gave to the Borough's residents, and how it brought the authority into line with other local authorities such as City of York. Councillor Cockerill voiced support for winter charging in general but raised concerns that the introduction of such a charge at Filey Coble Landing and Filey Station Avenue would be counterproductive causing displacement to nearby Church Ravine and Tesco car park respectively. With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor Jefferson and local hotelier representative, Mrs Smith both addressed the meeting. Councillor Jefferson expressed her opposition to the removal of free winter parking, expressing concern at the effect on local businesses at the quietest time of the year, and also at the additional cost to the Council of enforcement. Mrs Smith commented that the new residents scheme was overly complicated, the reduction for residents was insignificant, whilst the increase for visitors was punitive. She also maintained that free winter parking was very popular and helped support a range of shops and businesses. In light of the objections raised about the introduction of winter charging and other concerns, it was proposed to review the new scheme and its impacts after one year.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet:

1. consider the objections received to the proposed introduction of residents' parking concessions in the Borough;
2. after considering the objections approve the implementation of the proposed scheme on the terms set out in this report; and
3. refer the scheme for review by the Overview and Scrutiny Board after one year.

Reasons

To provide Residents Parking concessions on the Borough Council's Off Street Car Parks and to encourage usage and longer stays to help support the local economy.