

## REPORT TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR THE CLEANER AND GREENER ENVIRONMENT

2 SEPTEMBER 2011

### FREE PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT AND LATE NIGHT SHOPPING, SEVENOAKS TOWN CENTRE

Report of the: Community and Planning Services Director

Status: For decision

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**Executive Summary:** This report requests approval to make parking free after 6.00pm for the evening of the Christmas Lights and late night shopping event in Sevenoaks town centre on Friday 25 November 2011.

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This report supports the Key Aim of safer communities and the effective and efficient use of resources.

Portfolio Holder Cllr. Avril Hunter

Head of Service Head of Environmental and Operational Services – Mr. Richard Wilson

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**Recommendation:** that all parking charges be waived in all car parks and on-street parking areas in and around Sevenoaks town centre after 6.00pm on the evening in question, and that this be funded from the parking accounts.

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1. The Council has traditionally supported the annual event held in Sevenoaks town centre for the switching-on of the Christmas lights and late night shopping by making parking free of charge for the evening period.
  2. A request has been received from Sevenoaks Town Council for the free parking concession to be repeated for this year's event which is to be held on Friday 25 November.

#### Key Implications – Financial

3. The estimated loss of income to the parking accounts is £400.

#### Community impact and outcomes

4. In supporting the event, the Council will be supporting the local community and businesses in the town.

Legal, Human Rights, etc.

5. There are no issues relating to human rights

**Risk Assessment Statement**

6. Approval of the request will contribute to the success of the event for all concerned.

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**Sources of Information:** Request received from Sevenoaks Town Council dated 09 August 2011.

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