

Item 10 - Parking Management 2019/20

The attached report was considered by the Direct & Trading Advisory Committee on 9 October 2018. The relevant Minute extract is below.

Direct & Trading Advisory Committee (Minute 20, 9 October 2018)

The Parking Manager presented a report which sought approval of the proposed parking management proposals for public consultation. It was proposed to consult on freezing all charges on and off street across the district with the exception of a moderate increase to Bradbourne car park to keep abreast of inflationary pressures. Town centre parking in Sevenoaks was at capacity and a number of changes to the management of on and off-street parking could be made but it was recognised that the temporary closure of Buckhurst 2 had made it difficult to make as full an assessment as desired of the likely parking picture post-Spring 2019, so the scope of the proposals was limited. The focus of the report was on management not money and the recommendations if agreed, would mean that income would be less than budgeted in 2019/20. It was advised that this need not affect the delivery of a balanced ten-year budget (and therefore the services the Council provided to residents) as deferred income could be recovered in future years. The report suggested considering formally adopting such a flexible multi-year approach, which would have the benefit of allowing the Council, as a local parking provider, to be more responsive to economic cycles as well as the needs of its customers and communities.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet that

- a) the parking management proposals for 2019/20 be agreed for consultation; and
- b) a flexible multi-year approach be adopted, to allow the Council, as a local parking provider, to be more responsive to economic cycles as well as the needs of its customers and communities.