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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA (4)

14. Supporting the Local Economy - Post Lockdown Parking Scheme (Pages 1 - 2)
(Minute reference form Cabinet)

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Item 14 - Supporting the Local Economy - Post Lockdown Parking Scheme

The attached report was considered by the Cabinet on 16 November 2020, and the relevant minute extract is below.

Cabinet (16 November 2020, Minute 145)

Members gave consideration to the report which sought to provide one hour of free parking for short stay visitors within the Council's car parks for one calendar month from the end of lockdown. The additional one hour of parking, free of charge, would be available to all short stay pay and display customers.

Due to new national restrictions introduced by Government from 5 November in response to the Coronavirus, which required the full or partial closure of a number of businesses, there continued to be a significant impact on the local economy. Responding to the pandemic had also had a significant impact on the Council's finances, it was essential that all options to support businesses and encourage economic recovery were considered, particularly at this crucial time of year for many traders.

Subject to the timing of the end of the new national restrictions it was hoped that this would coincide with the Christmas trading period and subject to Council's approval for the supplementary estimates, free parking would be offered in all Council car parks on the weekends of 12 & 13 December, and 19 & 20 December.

The car parks included in the post lockdown parking scheme were:

- Bradbourne, Sevenoaks (1-5 hours weekdays and 1-4 hours weekends tickets only)
- Buckhurst 1, Sevenoaks
- Sevenoaks Town, Sevenoaks (Saturdays only)
- St. Johns and St. James, Sevenoaks
- Stag Theatre (South Park), Sevenoaks
- Suffolk Way, Sevenoaks
- Bevan Place, Swanley
- Park Road, Swanley
- Station Road, Swanley
- Quebec, Westerham
- Vicarage Hill, Westerham

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Public Sector Equality Duty

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

Resolved: That

- a) the post lockdown parking scheme operate for one calendar month directly after the end of the current national restrictions be agreed; and
- b) it be recommended to Council that the cost in terms of loss of income from the post lockdown parking scheme be met from a Supplementary Estimate (up to a maximum of £60,000).