

## **Item 5 (b) – Christmas Parking 2013**

### **Cabinet - Recommendation to Council**

**Recommendation to Council:** That the cost in terms of lost income, from the provision of free parking in all car parks and on-street parking areas throughout the district for two Saturdays before Christmas 2013 on the preferred dates expressed by the Town Councils (7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December in respect to Westerham and 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December in respect to Sevenoaks), be funded from Supplementary Estimates.

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The attached report was considered by the Cabinet on 7 November 2013, Minute 38:

‘Members considered the report and the recommendations from the Economic and Community Development Advisory Committee including a tabled revised Appendix B to the report (*revised Appendix B attached to report submitted ehre as background document*). It was noted that alternative proposals in respect to Westerham had been submitted by the Westerham Town Partnership and that it was suggested that these be considered and included in the consultation process.

A three week consultation period for any proposals would commence in the New Year and the Town and Parish Councils and known groups such as the Westerham Town Partnership would be contacted directly as part of this. Officers would then report back either to the meeting in February or March 2013.

With reference to the provision of free parking in all car parks and on-street parking areas throughout the district for two Saturdays before Christmas 2013. Members considered the joint request from the Government’s Department for Business Innovation & Skills and Department for Communities and Local Government to support the first ever ‘UK Small Business Saturday’ on 7 December 2013 but were in agreement to offer the preferred dates expressed by the Town Councils. The Chairman reminded all present that whilst the parking was free maximum stay periods would still apply to ensure a turnover of spaces.

#### Public Sector Equality Duty

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

Resolved: That

- a) all the proposals listed within the report be put to consultation including:
  - (i) the proposed changes to car park charges for 2014/15;

- (ii) the proposed changes to on-street parking charges for 2014/15;
  - (iii) whether amendment of the car park evening charge in Sevenoaks town centre should be considered;
  - (iv) whether the introduction of parking charges into the Council office car park on Saturdays should be considered;
  - (v) whether Sunday charges should be considered;
  - (vi) the alignment of the on-street tariffs at Knockholt Station with the tariff structure for Swanley; and
  - (vii) the standardisation of the on-street tariffs for Westerham town with others in the district; and
  - (viii) the proposals submitted by the Westerham Town Partnership;
- b) free parking be provided in all car parks and on-street parking areas throughout the district for two Saturdays before Christmas 2013 on the preferred dates expressed by the Town Councils (7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December in respect to Westerham and 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December in respect to Sevenoaks), and that it be RECOMMENDED to Council that the cost in terms of lost income be funded from Supplementary Estimates.'