

Item 6 – Annual Review of Parking Charges for 2016/17

The attached report was considered by the Direct & Trading Advisory Committee on 6 October 2015, relevant minute extract below:

Direct & Trading Advisory Committee - 6 October 2015 (Minute 13)

The Parking Manager presented the annual review of parking charges for 2016/17 which proposed revised tariffs in the Council's off-street car parks and on-street pay and display parking bays. He also gave a presentation on the location of car parks in Sevenoaks Town Centre.

Members discussed the review of the fees and charges for off street and on street pay and display parking bays. Some Members expressed concern that there was currently no enforcement for parking regulations on Sundays, especially in Blighs carpark with it's proximity to the town shop staff and shoppers took advantage of the free parking and as a result there was little turn over of cars. Members were advised that, were the relevant proposal approved, the signs would be changed to reflect that free all day parking was available in the Council Offices on a Sunday and enforcement in Blighs would then be introduced.

It was noted that when previously considering on-street parking charges Members had been keen for all such tariffs in Sevenoaks to be the same. Members were advised that this was not always suitable but that all the charges would continue to be reviewed to ensure they struck an appropriate balance between turnover, efficient management of a limited resource, affordability and customer satisfaction.

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 views of the Advisory Committee be considered; and
- b) the proposals for revised parking charges for 2016/17 for consultation be agreed.