

Background Information for Emergency Expenditure Request

Emergency: Coronavirus 2020
Subject: Suspension of Car Parking Charges - Sevenoaks Town Car Park
Date: 17 June 2020
Chief Officer: Adrian Rowbotham

Council Constitution

Appendix D - Financial Procedure Rules

2d. Emergency Expenditure

Why is this important?

The Council needs to have in place a procedure for meeting immediate needs in the case of an emergency situation arising in the District.

General

2.32 The Chief Executive and s.151 Officer/Chief Finance Officer shall have the authority to approve expenditure on any item which is essential to meet any immediate needs created by an emergency or which is referable to Section 138 of the Local Government Act 1972, subject to a subsequent report to Cabinet and/or Full Council depending on whether or not the expenditure can be met from within the current budget framework.

2.33 The Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Council together with the Leader or Deputy Leader of Council, having received a report from the Chief Executive and the Chief Executive and s.151 Officer/Chief Finance Officer, shall have power to incur expenditure which is essential to meet any immediate needs created by an emergency or which is referable to Section 138 of the Local Government Act 1972 (or other subsequent legislation) which is not otherwise authorised or where it is necessary in the Council's interest to settle legal proceedings which have been commenced against the Council. A subsequent report shall be submitted to Cabinet and/or the full Council depending on whether or not the expenditure can be met from within the current budget framework.

Detail

In March, Members requested the suspension of car parking charges for three months (23 March - 22 June 2020) in order to help the local community during these difficult times.

Now that lockdown has reduced, and non-essential shops can re-open from 15 June 2020 it is important to manage the available parking proactively so that it is used in the most effective manner. To enable this to happen, Members have requested that all parking charges are reinstated from 23 June 2020 except for Sevenoaks Town Car Park (for up to one month) so that free parking remains available within Sevenoaks town.

The following actions will be put in place from 23 June 2020 for up to one month:

1. Continued suspension of parking charges in Sevenoaks Town Car Park.
2. Continued suspension of season tickets in Sevenoaks Town Car Park.

Financial Impact

The potential loss of income for one months is £43,000.

The above figure is based on 2020/21 budgeted income levels. However, it should be noted that actual usage of parking may be lower than previously anticipated during this period as the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic continue.

Requesting Chief Officer: Adrian Rowbotham, Chief Officer - Finance and Trading

Approval

Chief Executive:



Chief Officer - Finance and Trading:

