

**CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
CABINET 27 AUGUST 2013**

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*Background Papers, if any, are specified at the end of the Report*

**OFF-STREET CAR PARKING ORDER**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1 That to support the recommendations and changes previously agreed by the Cabinet to the parking operation, Cabinet further approve the following proposed amendments to the Chiltern District Council (Off-Street Parking Places)(Consolidation) Order 2012 or subsequent Off-Street Parking Places Order as appropriate:**
  - a. That an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system be approved apparatus for the purposes of section 35 of the Road Traffic Act 1984 and included in the said Order.**
  - b. That at Catlings Car Park in Chesham the maximum length of stay be 4 hours and charges only apply until 16.00 hours.**
  - c. That transfer of tickets by any payment method between Catlings Car Park and Star Yard Car Park in Chesham and vice versa, no longer applies.**
  - d. That provision for electric vehicles be made in the said Order.**
  - e. That provision for Group C Season Tickets be made at High Street, Prestwood Car Park.**
  - f. That the Director of Services be authorised to make any other minor amendments to the said Order.**
- 2 That if no valid objections are received, the Director of Services be authorised to make and publish the Order.**
- 3 That if valid objections are received, the Director of Services be authorised to deal with any such objections after consultation with the Deputy Leader and to make and publish the Order with or without modifications as appropriate.**

## **Relationship to Council Objectives**

*Efficient and Effective Customer focussed services*

### **Implications**

- (i) *Not a key decision included in the Forward Plan.*
- (ii) *Within the Policy and Budgetary Framework.*

### **Financial Implications**

*None directly associated with this report. A report on the previously agreed trial of a change of car park charges at Catlings car park and automatic number plate recognition in Catlings and/or other car parks will be subject of a further report.*

### **Risk Implications**

*None directly associated with this report.*

### **Equalities Implications**

*None, since parking restrictions whether free or pay and display equally impact on all car owners with the exception of blue badge holders.*

### **Sustainability Implications**

*Potential to change driving habits and reduce reliance on the car.*

## **Report**

- 1 On the 18 June 2013 the Housing and Planning Overview Committee considered and supported various options for changes to the Parking Service's operation, which the Cabinet further considered and supported on 9 July 2013. Cabinet asked that the changes agreed to Catlings car park in particular, be introduced as soon as possible and noted that October 2013 could be feasible.
- 2 Officers have been progressing the project and in doing so have established that a number of further consequential amendments need to be agreed by Cabinet in order to finalise the Parking Places Order in support of the changes, reflect a previous desire to facilitate the use of parking places by electric powered cars and to redesignate Season Tickets at High Street, Prestwood Car Park from Group B to Group C.

- 3 With the current national focus on parking management arrangements the position the Council has taken for a number of years to operate its off-street car parking facilities in support of the Local Transport Plan is becoming more relevant. The recommendations and changes to the off-street car parking operation agreed by Cabinet in July 2013 reflect the Council's long standing position that car park charges should not be excessive.
- 4 The current level of charges throughout the District reflects this position and it was noted in the last car park charges review that increases made over the last 7 years including those in 2012 have been below inflation increases. The trial(s) and changes agreed in July 2013 will provide the Council with valuable information, potentially opening up many more management options which should keep car park charges relatively low considering the District's proximity to London and its three links to Metroland.
- 5 The recommendations in this report deal with various consequential amendments identified while progressing changes to the Off-Street Parking Places Orders previously agreed by Cabinet.

***Background Papers: None***

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