

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on 27 June 2018

Present

Councillor Wilson (Chairman)

Councillors Bains, Pike, Guest, Turner and Hughes

83 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Bowerman.

84 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 16 May 2018 were approved as a correct record.

85 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest from any of the members present.

86 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that he had attended a recent meeting of the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Leaders group and had invited the Chairman of the LEP to meet to discuss potential future financial and infrastructure opportunities for Havant Borough.

The Chairman had also attended a recent meeting of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association (HLOWLGA) at which there had been a consensus in support of (a) council tax exemption for care leavers and (b) a bid to pilot 100% business rates retention.

87 Parking Charges Review

Councillor Bains presented a report and recommendations to Cabinet recommending a new charging regime across all Havant Borough Council owned car parks. In presenting the proposals, Councillor Bains referred to the intelligent data that underpinned the recommendations and thanked the Head of Service and her team for the extensive and thorough review that had been undertaken.

Some concern was expressed by Cabinet members as to whether the proposed charges for season tickets and permits should be subject to further review and, in particular, whether these could be better promoted to increase sales and benefit local businesses and their employees.

In supporting the proposal to cease overnight parking for motorhomes at Beachlands on health and safety grounds, a further concern was expressed about the Council's liability as landowner during the statutory 28-day period for advertising the changes prior to implementation. Cabinet was advised that this risk would be mitigated in the interim through increased enforcement patrols and prominent signage to encourage safe parking of vehicles.

Councillor Bains recommended that Cabinet approve the proposals as drafted and that, as part of an ongoing review, demand be tested and further adjustments considered if appropriate. On this basis, Cabinet was minded to support the recommendations as set out in the report, with additional request that marketing/promotion of season tickets be explored together with other potential initiatives to support town centre businesses and their employees.

Proposed by Councillor Bains and seconded by Councillor Wilson, it was

RESOLVED that

- (1) Pay and Display charges be amended as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) Season ticket and permit prices are amended be set out in Appendix 2 to the report;
- (3) Pay and Display charges be amended and the tariff period extended to cover a 12 month period as set out in Appendix 3 to the report;
- (4) Overnight parking for motorhomes in Beachlands car parks be ceased;
- (5) The Head of Neighbourhood Support works with the Economic Development team to promote season tickets and explore further initiatives to assist small businesses and their lower paid employees;
and
- (6) The strategy be reviewed as part of the regeneration timetable.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 2.55 pm

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Chairman