Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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Item 5 – Public Participation Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2011-2026 – Car Parking Strategy (item 6)

Statement from Mr Marcus Kirschner

If there is a need to harmonise car parking charges in Wiltshire, then I would expect car parking charges in some area to be reduced while others would be increased, if the total revenue to be raised is to stay the same. Will you be reducing car parking charges in some areas so that the total revenue is still the same?

The proposals that I have seen only talk about increasing car parking charges. Please can you confirm this proposed car parking charge revision is not a revenue generating exercise?

If this is a revenue generating exercise, please can you confirm how much extra revenue you expect to generate?

I was told that amalgamating local councils into a single Wiltshire County Council was recommended in order to save money. Is this proposed car parking revision, proof that these recommendations were never justified, and that the council will look at any method of increasing revenue by hitting the public at every opportunity?