

REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE

Report No. 21

Date of Meeting	7 th June 2007
Title of Report	Petition Received - Car Parking Issues in Corsham
Portfolio	Built Environment
Link to Corporate Priorities	Getting North Wiltshire to "Think Before You Park" is pledge number 15
Key Decision	No
Executive Workplan Ref	B136
Public Report	Yes

Summary of Report

To acknowledge receipt of a 5000+ signature petition which contains the request from Corsham Chamber of Commerce to change the car parking charges in Corsham and reintroduce the "first hour free" into Post Office Lane, High Street and Newland's Road Car Parks.

To defer consideration of the petition and request that the confidential negotiations currently underway in Corsham are concluded.

Officer Recommendations

The Executive:-

1. Acknowledges receipt of the Petition from the Chamber of Commerce.
2. Agrees to defer making any recommendation in consideration of the petition received from the Chamber of Commerce until it has had an opportunity to consider an urgent report in confidential session, which relates to commercially sensitive negotiations currently underway regarding car parking in Corsham.

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
None	None	None	None	None
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Corsham Chamber of Commerce submitted a petition to Full Council on 16th May 2007 calling for the removal of all first hour parking charges in Corsham, stating that the introduction of charges for the first hour was having a detrimental effect on trade within the Town. Attached at Appendix 1 is the scale of charges and operating times submitted along with the petition. A copy of the petition is available from the Policy & Democratic Services Team.

2. Background and Update Information

- 2.1 At Full Council (Budget) meeting on the 22nd February 2007, Members, agreed to increase the car parking charges within North Wiltshire District Council owned car parks.
- 2.2 Further to Full Council, an Executive decision was required to agree the exact level of the charges within each car park. The Executive decision in relation to Newlands Road Car Park was taken under delegated authority.
- 2.3 Corsham Chamber of Commerce presented a 5000 name petition to the Council on 16th May 2007 calling for the removal of all first hour parking charges in Corsham, together with other amendments to the operation of the car park and stating that the introduction of charges for the first hour was having a detrimental effect on trade within the Town.

3. Update Position

- 3.1 Confidential negotiations are currently underway in Corsham regarding car parking. The Executive will be considering an urgent report on these negotiations (Agenda Item 23 refers) and agreeing a way forward.
- 3.2 The Executive is recommended to defer consideration of the petition and the proposals submitted by the Chamber of Commerce until they have considered the urgent report and negotiations have been concluded.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 - Suggested Scale of Charges and Operating Times. Appendix 2 - 5000 Signature Petition from Corsham Chamber of Commerce (Not attached, copy available from Policy & Democratic Services)
Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None

Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

Report	Committee & Date	Minute Reference
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number 8a 	Council (Budget) 22/02/07	C95
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number 4 	Executive 06/03/07	E195