

<b>REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE</b>		Report No. 11
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> November 2007	
<b>Title of Report</b>	Recommendations from the Car Parking Working Group	
<b>Portfolio</b>	Built Environment	
Link to Corporate Priorities	To promote vibrant, safe and inclusive communities - Transport	
Key Decision	No	
Executive Workplan Ref	B366	
Public Report	Yes	

<p><b>Summary of Report</b></p> <p>To inform the Executive of recommendations made by the Car Parking Working Group.</p>
<p><b>Officer Recommendations</b></p> <p>To consider and approve the Working Group's recommendations.</p>

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 The Car Parking Working Group was reappointed at the meeting of the Executive on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2007.
- 1.2 The Working Group membership comprises of the Portfolio Holder, Councillor Chuck Berry, together with one Member to represent each of the towns in North Wiltshire – Councillors Tony Trotman (Calne), Peter Hutton (Chippenham), Dick Tonge (Corsham), Ray Sanderson (Malmesbury) and Chris Wannell (Wootton Bassett).

## **2. Options and Options Appraisal**

- 2.1 To consider each recommendation individually and approve, amend or dismiss.

## **3. Working Group Recommendations**

- 3.1 The Car Parking Working Group met on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2007 and made recommendations on the following issues:

### **3.2 CP7 – Requests from Schools for Free Parking in NWDC Owned Car Parks**

Within this item a request received from a school to allow free parking during the school run in a NWDC owned car park free of charge to improve road safety and reduce congestion was considered. A draft policy for the agreement of such schemes was discussed and agreed. The policy outlined the terms and conditions of a scheme, the areas of responsibility for all parties and the various bodies to be consulted before the scheme can be agreed.

Recommended that the draft School Dispensation Policy (**Appendix 1**) be adopted as part of the current Enforcement Policy to allow all requests for schemes to be considered based on terms and conditions as set by the policy.

### **3.3 CP8 - Requests from Business and Service Providers for Free Parking within NWDC Owned Car Parks**

Within this item a request from a Surgery in Wootton Bassett was considered. It was felt that allowing certain businesses discretionary permits could create problems. Therefore to ensure equality and fairness to all sections of the community the request be refused.

Recommended that a letter is sent to the Surgery stating the Council's position.

### **3.4 CP11 – Petition from Malmesbury Chamber of Commerce**

A petition was received from the Malmesbury Chamber of Commerce by the Executive on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2007. This petition urged the Council to reconsider their implementation of car parking charges for the Cross Hayes car park. This petition was referred to the Car Parking Working Group for consideration to then report back to the Executive.

It was considered that the Working Group had sympathy with the request, but felt that the treatment was no different to elsewhere in the District. Also stated that North Wiltshire District Council does not have the power to alter charges as the area is an on street parking area, not a NWDC owned car park. The tariffs for on street parking

areas are set under the Wiltshire County Council Local Transport Plan and cannot be altered by NWDC.

Recommended that a letter is sent to the Malmesbury Chamber of Commerce detailing the Council's stance.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 – Schools Dispensation Policy</b>
<b>Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:</b>	<b>None</b>

**Previous Decisions Connected with this Report**

<b>Report</b>	<b>Committee &amp; Date</b>	<b>Minute Reference</b>