

TEESDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Report To: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
28 January 2009**

From: Councillor KP Ryman, Chair, Services Panel

Ward Member: ALL

Subject: PROPOSAL FOR LIMITED FREE CAR PARKING

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 Members are asked to consider supporting a proposal for limited free parking in the Council's car parks.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 It is recommended that:

2.1.1 Members consider the proposal and resolve accordingly.

3.0 LINK TO CORPORATE KEY PRIORITIES/AMBITIONS

3.1 Priority: Improving Together Programme

3.2 Ambition: Provide accessible, quality services; Be effective community leaders; Have well managed and efficient use of our resources; Improve the Council's reputation; and Have effective partnerships delivering the requirements of our community.

3.3 Outcome: Leading our communities, listen to and acting on their needs, shaping the places they live and providing feedback; Having high quality, accessible services, taking account of the needs of everyone.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Members may be aware that, following the cut in VAT at the end of last year and the inability to reduce parking charges before April 2009 to reflect the reduction, at least one neighbouring authority has introduced temporary periods of free parking in its car parks.

4.2 Members will be aware that the Executive Committee resolved that there should be no changes to car park charges (Minute 113) but members are requested to consider whether to recommend the introduction of periods of free car parking on a temporary basis.

5.0 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 Financial Implications: Potential loss of income.

5.2 Risk:

Risk	Category	Implications

5.3 Equality and Diversity: Overview and Scrutiny has a role in ensuring the Council’s compliance with equality and diversity requirements.

5.4 Human Resources: None

5.5 Community Safety: As 5.3 above

5.6 Legal Issues: Overview and Scrutiny is a statutory function defined by Local Government Act 2000.

Background papers: None.

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