

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISION

26TH MAY 2016

Executive Board Member: Cllr. H Evans	Portfolio: Technical Services
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OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF PARKING CHARGES IN THE LEISURE CENTRE CAR PARK, LLANELLI

Recommendations / key decisions required:

That the Executive Board Member for Technical Services:

- i. Determine the objections
- ii. Implement the regulation order as described in Appendix 1
- iii. That all objectors be informed accordingly.

Reasons:

1. Leisure Centre users have difficulty finding a parking space. The car park is also used by people not using the Leisure Centre such as businesses and commuters. Parking charges are proposed to regulate the use of this car park. Under the proposals, parking would remain free for the first two hours for the benefit of Leisure Centre users.
2. To regulate the use of the coach parking area and the disabled persons parking bays in the car park.
3. To manage traffic movements and parking more effectively in the car park.

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Declaration of Personal Interest (if any): None

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any): N/A

DECISION MADE:

Signed: _____

DATE: _____

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting

Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was not adopted:	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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**Consider Objections to proposed Introduction of Parking Charges in
The Leisure Centre Car Park, Llanelli**

Purpose

The report sets out details of the proposed Order to introduce parking charges at the Llanelli Leisure Centre. Two objections to the advertised Order have been received and need to be considered.

The reports requests that the Executive Board Member considers the objections and to confirm the making of the variation (No. 3) to the legal document setting out the regulations governing the County Council's Off-Street town centre car parks (the Off-Street Parking Places Order).

THE COUNTY OF CARMARTHENSHIRE (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES)
LLANELLI LEISURE CENTRE
CONSOLIDATION (VARIATION NO 3) ORDER 2015

Proposals

The detailed proposals are set out in Appendix One and Appendix Two and are summarised below:

Appendix 1 provides a description of the proposed parking charges for the Leisure Centre car park, Llanelli.

Appendix 2 provides details of the parking area boundary outline affected by the proposed order.

Background

The County Council's Executive Board approved the introduction of charging for the use of the Llanelli Leisure Centre on the 28th September 2015. The Order has been published to invite objections. Two objections have been received.

Reasons

The current arrangements for free parking undermine the function of the car park which is to service the Leisure Centre.

Leisure Centre users currently have great difficulty finding a parking space at the site. The car park is used by people not using the Leisure Centre. It is proposed that charges for parking are introduced to regulate the use of this car park. Under the proposals, parking would remain free for the first two hours for the benefit of Leisure Centre users.

The Order will also regulate the use of the coach parking area and the disabled persons parking bays in the car park.

To manage traffic movements and parking more effectively in the car park.

Equalities Act 2010

The car parking charging proposals for the Llanelli Leisure Centre have been subject to an Equalities Impact Assessment in accordance with equalities legislation. The Equality Act defines discrimination as less favourable treatment because of a protected characteristic. The protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010 are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

Consultation

The County of Carmarthenshire (Off Street Parking Places) Llanelli Leisure Centre Consolidation (Variation No. 3) Order 2015 was published in the Llanelli Star on 18th November 2015.

The Statutory Consultees were notified of the proposed order on the 18 November 2015.

Objections and comments

Two objections have been received. A breakdown of the objections and officers comments are listed in Appendix 3 of the report.

Recommendations:

That the Executive Board Member for Technical Services:

- I. Determine the objections.
- II. Implement the regulation order as described in Appendix 1.
- III. That all objectors be informed accordingly.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?	NO
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IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: S G Pilliner

Head of Transport & Engineering

Policy and Crime & Disorder YES	Legal YES	Finance YES	ICT NONE	Risk Management Issues NONE	Organisational Development NONE	Physical Assets YES
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1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken for the proposals to introduce parking charges in the car park within the grounds of the Llanelli Leisure Centre. Mitigation measures were introduced in 2014 at the time of the introduction of parking charges (town centre) on Sundays and for disabled blue badge holders. The mitigation measures are considered appropriate for the Leisure Centre Car Park.

2. Legal

The proposals to introduce car park charging in the Llanelli Leisure Centre will require appropriate changes to the off-street parking places regulation Order.

3. Finance

The introduction of charging for the use of the Llanelli Leisure Centre was approved by County Council's Executive Board on the 28th September 2015.

“14.6 that charges be introduced at the Llanelli Leisure Centre car park to encourage non centre users to park at more appropriate locations and appropriate dispensations for leisure centre users be accommodated within the charging system;”

<http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/mgAi.aspx?ID=912>

The forecast annual income from introducing parking charges in the Leisure Centre car park is £15k.

6. Physical Assets

The car park tariff board signs will need to be updated to reflect the revised off-street parking charging regime for the car park. Pay and display repeater signage will need to be installed. The parking bay markings will need to be refreshed. The forecast cost of this work is £5k.

Three new parking machines will need to be installed to issue parking tickets and store coinage. The estimate cost of purchasing and installing three new parking machines is £18k. There will be an ongoing maintenance costs associated with these machines along with secure cash collection costs. The forecast machine maintenance and cash collection costs are forecast to be £2k per annum.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: S G Pilliner

Head of Transport & Engineering

1. Scrutiny Committee – N/A

2. Local Member(s) - Cllr John P Jenkins – objection received, please refer to Appendix 3 of the report.

3. Community / Town Council – Llanelli Town Council – objection received, please refer to Appendix 3 of the report.

4. Relevant Partners - The following statutory consultees were consulted: -

Chief Fire Officer, Regional Ambulance Officer, Freight Transport Association, Road Haulage Association, Dyfed Powys Police Roads Policing Unit, First Cymru Ltd, Gwynne Price Coaches.

No objections were raised.

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - None.

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Integrated Parking Strategy for Carmarthenshire		http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/615744/IntegratedCarParkingStrategy.pdf
Executive Board Report – Llanelli Car Parks 28 th September 2015		http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/g81/Public%20reports%20pack%2028th-Sep-2015%2010.00%20Executive%20Board.pdf?T=10