

REPORT FROM: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES MANAGER
TO: BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY AREA COMMITTEE
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REVIEW OF COUNCIL-OWNED CAR PARKS WITHIN BRIERFIELD

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise members of a report which went to the Executive on 25 May 2017 with regard to a review of Council-owned car parks in the borough and for members to consider matters regarding various Brierfield car parks.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That members note a recent report to the Executive regarding a review of Council-owned car parks in the borough and that consideration be given to the following recommendations:
 - (a) That members note that Liberata Property Services have been instructed to investigate the car parks which have been recommended for disposal, transfer or lease as set out in the report.
 - (b) That members consider amending some of the parking bays on Tunstill Square Car Park, Brierfield, from short-stay disc parking to long-stay.
 - (c) That, subject to recommendation 1(b), a detailed usage study for Tunstill Square Car Park be undertaken and the results be reported back to this Committee.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) To provide a framework on which to decrease costs and increase income on public car parks in Brierfield.
- (2) To increase the usage of the under-utilised short stay parking bays on Tunstill Square Car Park, Brierfield.

BACKGROUND

1. The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report to the Executive on 25 May 2017 on the current usage, cost, condition and management for all 47 Council-owned car parks in the borough. The report also recommended future arrangements for management including retention, retention with a proposal for an alternative use or disposal.

In respect to Brierfield, it was resolved that:

- (1) That the current provision and costs for car parks in Pendle be noted.
- (2) That the recommendations... regarding the future provision of each car park be noted.
- (3) That, subject to the above, Liberata Property Services be instructed to investigate the car parks which have been recommended for disposal, transfer or lease.

ISSUE

2. The issues specifically relating to Brierfield Car Parks are set out below.
3. Liberata Property Services will be looking at the disposal, transfer or lease of Cross Street Car Park, Brierfield and a report will come to this Committee from Liberata Property Services at a later date.
4. As part of the car park review, this Committee is being asked to reconsider the potential for revising the balance of long-stay and short-stay bays on Tunstill Square Car Park. The car park is well used, and on the whole is used as a long-stay car park with little use of the short-stay bays.
5. It is recommended that a further, more detailed, study of the parking on Tunstill Square is undertaken and the results be reported back to this Committee.

CONCLUSION

6. Despite the cost of car parking reducing over the years, we are still in a position where we need to make savings where possible, not only to reduce costs but also to be in a better position for the future viability of the retained Brierfield car parks.
7. It is therefore recommended that:
 - further investigation is carried out on Cross Street Car Park, with the potential for disposal, transfer or lease; and
 - members consider amending some of the parking bays on Tunstill Square Car Park, Brierfield, from short-stay disc parking to long-stay.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: The Council does not currently have a policy on renting out long-term car parking spaces.

Financial: As detailed within the report.

Legal: The introduction of business permits would not affect the Council's Off-Street Parking Order.

Risk Management: The Council does not accept liability for any damage to vehicles whilst parked on any of the public car parks. Drivers park at their own risk.

Health and Safety: None arising directly from this report.

Sustainability: None arising directly from this report.

Community Safety: None arising directly from this report.

Equality and Diversity: None arising directly from this report.

APPENDICES

None.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report to Executive on 25 May 2017: Review of Council-Owned Car parks within the Borough.