

REPORT FROM: STRATEGIC DIRECTOR

TO: NELSON COMMITTEE

DATE: 2ND OCTOBER 2017

Report Author: Hywel Lebbon

Tel No: 01282 878939

E-mail: hywellebbon@liberata.com

CAR PARK AT NETHERFIELD ROAD, NELSON

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To request that this Committee agrees that the car park shown edged black on the plan can be offered to interested parties on a licence.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That this Committee agrees that the land can be offered to local businesses on a licence for car parking.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Council would receive an income from the licence and there would be no further maintenance liabilities.

The land may be required by the Council for car parking in the future if the neighbouring privately owned Multi Storey is re-developed, or there may be a requirement for another use. A licence would be the easiest method to allow occupation and it would allow the Council to maintain control over future use as it could be terminated if required for another use.

BACKGROUND

1. The land is a long stay car park close to the Multi Storey car park access ramp. A report was submitted to the Executive on 25th May 2017 by the Neighbourhood Services Manager on usage, cost, condition and management arrangements for Council owned car parks in the Borough including the car park referred to in this report. It was reported that the annual cost of maintaining the car park for 2015-16 was £1,746.
2. The recommendation to the Executive was that the car park be retained as an asset and the option of offering a lease of the site to local businesses be investigated. This was further to enquiries being made by the adjoining car wash and taxi businesses to purchase the land or enter into a lease. It was resolved by the Executive that Liberata Property Services be instructed

to investigate the car parks which have been recommended for disposal, transfer or lease.

ISSUE

3. Occupation of the land by another party would remove the Council's maintenance liabilities. It is proposed that occupation of the land be on a licence for car parking which can be terminated at one month's notice if the Council has a requirement for the land.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: No policy implications are considered to arise directly from this report.

Financial: An income for the Council and removal of maintenance costs.

Legal: No legal implications are considered to arise directly from this report.

Risk Management: On occupation of the land the risks and liabilities will reduce for the Council

Health and Safety: See Risk Management

Climate Change: No implications are considered to arise directly from this report

Community Safety: Occupation of the car park will reduce the risks of trespass and fly-tipping.

Equality and Diversity: No implications are considered to arise directly from this report

APPENDICES

Location plan

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None