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PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 31st October, 2016

S U P P L E M E N T A R Y P A C K

1.	CAR PARK ORDER 2016	PLSC59-2016
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To consider the delegated decision made regarding the Car Park Order 2016.

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19th October 2016

Clive Pinney Esq
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Dear Clive,

Call in request on introduction of Car Parking Charges

Having studied the details of the proposed implementation of the Sept 2015 PCC Cabinet decision on Car Parking Charges by County Councillor Col John Brunt, issued by the Portfolio Holder on Thursday 13th October, we have severe concerns and would request a call in to Place Committee.

It is our view that the decision, initially taken last Autumn, but only being invoked now, fails to take account the provisions of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act, which came into force on 1/04/2016, with respect to community impact, as well as full and meaningful consultation with other relevant authorities, including the respective town/community councils, where appropriate the BBNPA as planning authority, and Dyfed Powys Police.

It is also our contention that there are serious omissions in terms of the 'showing of working' with respect to the PCC assumptions upon which the viability of the proposals, and therefore their budgetary compliance, has been assessed. In supporting those Welsh Local Authorities that were 'early adopters' of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act, the Welsh LGA has consistently emphasised the importance of 'showing working' and assumptions on an open and transparent basis, for compliance with the FG (Wales) Act to be achieved.

Finally, a recently negotiated agreement between PCC and Hay-on-Wye Town Council is to be praised for its far sightedness, in providing for 20%+ of Car Park revenue to be shared with the Town Council, to facilitate the adoption of local facilities, including the maintenance of the Hay toilets. The absence of such discussions with other community councils, which are also actively involved in community asset transfer and in taking on former County Council functions, ahead of the implementation of car park charges, is, however, regrettable. It is also deemed to be at variance with long established equalities legislation, and therefore potentially illegal.

We would be grateful for a favourable response to this call in request. We believe that the wellbeing of the affected communities, their economic vibrancy and the reputation of Powys County Council as a whole are at stake.

Yours sincerely,

E. J. Morgan *Henry R. Banks*
Members of Place Committee, Powys County Council

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4.	CAR PARKS	C153 – 2015
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Cabinet considered proposals to introduce charges into 11 car parks in the county to meet the income target set by Council in the Medium Term Financial Strategy. It was proposed to introduce pay and display machines into the following car parks mainly used by visitors or a general mix of visitors and residents:

1. Ridgebourne, Llandrindod Wells
2. High Street, Llanfyllin
3. Watergate Street, Llanfair Caereinion
4. Station Yard, Talgarth
5. Station Yard, Sennybridge
6. By-pass, Presteigne.

Residents permit only restrictions would be introduced at the following car parks:

1. Market Street, Knighton
2. Tremont Road, Llandrindod
3. Church Place, Llanidloes
4. Orchard Street, Brecon
5. Duckham's Yard, Brecon

The report set out the charges and costs. Based on the expected revenues payback would be achieved in year 2.

County Councillor David Meredith spoke as a local Member for the Duckham's Yard and Orchard Street car parks in Brecon. He advised that he had asked for details of any agreements already in existence with regard to these two car parks and in respect of car parking on the site of the old Ysgol y Bannau. Without this information he felt unable to comment but he did refer to the detrimental impact of the proposals on a number of businesses.

County Councillor Gary Price spoke as local Member for Tremont Road in Llandrindod Wells. He questioned whether the Cabinet had the authority to make Traffic Regulation Orders but was advised that the Leader had removed the delegation from Shire Committees. Democratic Services would ensure that the new Constitution which came into force on 1st September and was available on the intranet would also be published on the internet. Councillor Price asked for a deferment so that discussions with Llandrindod Wells Town Council on a community asset transfer could continue.

An email from County Councillor Tom Turner, who was broadly in support of the proposals for the Ridgebourne car park, was read out. Councillor Turner also put forward a number of suggestions for consideration.

County Councillor Evan Morgan spoke as the local Member for the Station Yard car park in Sennybridge. He advised that the number of available parking spaces which much lower than that reported and that this together with the loss of income from

licences from two businesses meant that the expenditure required to install parking machines was unjustified.

County Councillor Aled Davies reported comments from County Councillor Peter Lewis that the introduction of charges in Llanfyllin would not generate income but would impact on patients attending the surgery.

The Portfolio Holder for Highways thanked the members for their comments which would be considered as part of the consultation process. He confirmed that checks would be carried out to see what legal agreements were in place.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To initiate the Traffic Regulation Order consultation procedure in accordance with The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. 2. To provide the Portfolio Holder with the authority to implement the proposed changes taking into account the findings of the consultation process and the determination of any restrictions and/or covenants on the land. 3. That the source for funding the capital investment be identified by the Finance Section. 	<p>To meet income target increase identified in the Medium term financial strategy 2015-18</p>