4. CAR PARKS

C153 – 2015

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
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	for funding the capital entified by the Finance	