

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

**CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS – Cllr G Hopkins and Cllr K Roberts-Jones
22nd NOVEMBER 2011**

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SUBJECT: Old College Car Park - Site Management Amendment

REPORT FOR: Decision

1.0 Summary

1.1 On 26th April 2011, Board approved a proposal to provide a pay and display car park at the Old College, Newtown. Since then, works have progressed to enable the pay and display element to be implemented.

1.2 Since the introduction of the Civil Parking Enforcement on 1st April 2011 the sanction for breaching a car park order is now a Penalty Charge notice as opposed to an Excess Charge notice. Enforcement is now by way of a civil recovery scheme instead of prosecution in the local Magistrates' Court for a criminal offence.

2.0 Proposal

2.1 Members are asked to confirm their acceptance of the changes outlined in item 1 above, in that a penalty Charge Notice will now be issued instead of an Excess Charge Notice.

3.0 Corporate Improvement Plan

3.1 The management of office car parks is linked to the Asset efficiency priority and Climate Change improvement priority in the Powys Change Programme. The proper management of our assets is essential to maintain health and safety standards and to convey an image of a well managed establishment to visitors and staff.

3.2 Any reduction in car use whether by Flexible Working, car sharing, use of bus, etc will assist the Climate Change improvement priority.

3.3 The proposal can also help to alleviate unnecessary stress by supporting staff with clear direction and a recognition of their working environment and ensuring that allocated parking space is maximised.

4.0 Options Considered/Available

As this is a minor amendment to the agreed management system, this section is not relevant.

5.0 Preferred Choice and Reasons

5.1 That members acknowledge the change in enforcement action.

6.0 Sustainability and Environmental Issues/Equalities/Crime and Disorder,/Welsh Language/Other Policies etc

6.1 By managing car park space, the Authority can be clear on it's support for initiatives such as the Travel Plan and Flexible Working.

7.0 Children and Young People's Impact Statement - Safeguarding and Wellbeing

Not applicable

8.0 Local Member(s)

8.1 No further communications have been held with members since Board approval of the car park management system in April 2011..

9.0 Other Front Line Services

N/A

10.0 Support Services (Legal, Finance, HR, ICT, BPU)

10.1 Legal Services

Have requested that members acknowledge and approve the change in wording from the original report.

11.0 Local Service Board/Partnerships/Stakeholders etc

11.1 The Travel Plan is currently working with the LSB Climate Change Programme Board, the LHB, TraCC and others in order to address the environmental impacts of travel. The proposal will have no detrimental implications on this work and should assist with the overall objectives.

12.0 Communications

All communications for the pay and display are as normally followed by Legal Services.

13.0 Statutory Officers

(The views of both the Strategic Director, Finance & Infrastructure (Section 151 Officer) and the Strategic Director, Law & Governance (Monitoring Officer) **must** be set out below)

The view of the Strategic Director, Finance & Infrastructure is "the proposal is within existing budget".

The Strategic Director, Law & Governance is in agreement with this amendment.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
1. To note that the enforcement mechanism has altered from the original proposal and to agree that a Penalty Charge Notice will now be issued in the Old College car park.	Manage the use of available parking space at council offices and to receive an income to pay for future office car park maintenance.

Relevant Policy (ies):	Asset Management Plan		
Within Policy:	Y / N	Within Budget:	Y / N

Relevant Local Member(s):	N/A
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Corporate Property / Legal
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	December 2011

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Background Papers used to prepare Report: