

CABINET MEMBER – TECHNICAL SERVICES – 26 JANUARY 2011

126. CROSBY CAR PARKS - INCREASE IN PARKING CHARGES

Further to Minute No. 58 of the meeting of the Council held on 16 December 2010, the Cabinet Member considered:-

- (I) the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director seeking approval of the proposal to increase the parking charges on the Crosby Town Centre car parks and to set the charges on the Waterloo and Crosby seafront car parks; and indicating that a decision on this matter was required in order to achieve the fee income target approved by the Council.

The report indicated that the proposed charges were as follows:

Crosby Town Centre Car Parks

<u>Stay</u>	<u>Current Charge</u>	<u>2011/12</u>
Up to 30 mins.	Free	0.20
Up to 2 hours	0.60	0.80
Up to 4 hours	1.30	1.50
4 hours+	2.60	3.00

Waterloo and Seafront Car Parks

<u>Stay</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Up to 30 mins.	0.20
Up to 2 hours	0.80
Up to 4 hours	1.50
4 hours +	3.00

On the Waterloo Car Parks (Hougoumont Avenue and Civic Hall) the charges would operate 08.00 - 18.00 Monday to Saturday, whilst on the Seafront Car Parks they would operate 10.00 - 17.00 Monday to Sunday.

A residents permit would be available at a charge of £35 per annum for use on the Seafront car parks; and

- (II) a petition, signed by 81 Sefton residents, in accordance with Rule 27 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules. The terms of the petition were as follows:

"We the undersigned, object to the Traffic Services Order and the consequential instigation of car parking charges in the following areas of Sefton M.B.C. - Blucher Street Car Park, Burbo Bank Car

Park, Crosby Civic Hall/Library Car Park, Crosby Coastal Car Park, Crosby Leisure Centre Car Park, Hougoumont Avenue Car Park and Mariners Road Car Park.

We object on the grounds of depriving members of the community to access health and active lifestyles activities, the effect of removal of free car parking on our local shopping centres and the effect on disadvantaged members of the community who will not have the available resources to pay for car parking facilities."

The Committee Administrator advised that Ms. J. Edgar, a representative of the petitioners, had indicated that she would not address the Cabinet Member in support of the terms of the petition but instead would be addressing the meeting of the Cabinet to be held on 27 January 2011.

RESOLVED:

That the matter be referred to Cabinet with a request that it reconsiders its previous decision to approve the increase in the charges on the Crosby Town Centre car parks and the setting of the charges on the Waterloo/Seafront car parks as detailed in the report.