

CABINET

5 NOVEMBER 2015

72 **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR (PART 1) - CAR PARKING CHARGES**

Councillor Phil Davies informed the Cabinet that there was one item of urgent business for which a decision would be required in advance of the next meeting of Cabinet.

Councillor Stuart Whittingham proposed, in line with one of the Council Plan pledges, thriving small business and improving local high streets, that he was proposing the introduction of 'free parking after 3' in Council owned car parks from 1 December until the end of December.

The estimated cost of this would be £12,000 and, thanks to good management, would be met from within existing budgets.

Councillor Phil Davies commented that this would be good news for the local economy and was pleased that through prudent financial management the costs would be absorbed within budget.

RESOLVED: That -

- (1) from Tuesday, 1 December until the end of December 2015 the Council cuts the cost of parking in Council owned car parks by introducing free parking after 3pm;**
- (2) on Boxing Day and New Year's Day the Council provides free all day parking in Council owned car parks; and**
- (3) officers be instructed to evaluate any change in usage in Council owned car parks compared to previous years.**
- (4) that, in accordance with the Budgetary Policy Framework, the matter be referred to Council on 19 November, 2015 for approval.**