

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: CLLR PHIL DAVIES

KEY DECISION: YES

PORTFOLIO AREA: HIGHWAYS & INFRASTRUCTURE

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: HIGHWAYS & INFRASTRUCTURE

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

**SUBJECT: CAR PARKING CHARGES BUDGET SAVINGS OPTIONS –
TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS**

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Leader of the Council is recommended to:

- i. Note the report and the objections received to the published Traffic Regulation Order consultation.
- ii. Increase car parking tariffs at all council operated car parks, where charges already apply, by 20p
- iii. Introduce car parking charges in country parks with charges of 50p for 1 hour, £1 for 2 hours and £2 all day in Arrowe Country Park, Royden Country Park, Eastham Country Park and Thurstaston Country Park
- iv. Withdraw the published proposals to introduce parking charges at Birkenhead Park, New Brighton and other town/villages centre locations at West Kirby, Hoylake, Heswall, Liscard, Bromborough, Bebington, Irby, Upton and Moreton.
- v. Refer the revised proposals to Council for endorsement, including approval of the budget implications which result.

2. REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

A budget proposal to increase parking tariffs at existing sites and introduce car parking charges at various country park sites to increase income from car parking has been put forward to assist the Council to manage the pressures in a planned way not only to meet the legal requirements for a balanced Budget for 2017/18 but also contribute towards addressing the forecast funding gap

over the period of the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/19 – 2020/21, in order to continue to fund high quality transport services.

The Constitution makes provision for the consideration of objections to TROs through the Highways and Traffic Representation Panel, as appointed by the Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The latter Committee would then make a recommendation to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure after consideration of the Panel's findings. In this circumstance, with a high number of objections and the need to resolve the budget implications without delay, the consideration of the objections to the TRO is being undertaken directly by the Leader of the Council.

3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There are no conflicts of interest.

Signed:  Executive Member: Cllr Phil Davies Date: 20/2/17. Also present:	Signed:  Chief Officer: Mark Smith Date: 20/2/17.
Date of Senior Policy Team Meeting(s):	

A list of background papers on this issue is held with:

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