

Council

17 May 2016

Call-in: Stratford to Long Marston Greenway: introduction of car parking charges

Recommendation

That Council considers the call-in and decides either to take no action or to make recommendations to Leader/Cabinet.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Cabinet on 16 July 2015 considered a report on the outcome of consultation on a proposal to introduce parking charges on two Warwickshire County Council owned car parks serving the Stratford to Long Marston Greenway. The responses to the consultation are available on the website as background papers to this report and have been put in the member Group Rooms
- 1.2 The two car parks are Seven Meadows Road at the Stratford upon Avon end of the Greenway and the second is a small car park mid-point of the Greenway at Milcote opposite the railway carriage café. Local members and public expressed their concerns to Cabinet, particularly with regard the potential displacement of cars onto neighbouring streets and whether the proposed charges would raise the predicted income.
- 1.3 Cabinet decided to defer making a decision to allow officers time to produce a revised report taking account of the issues raised. The report setting out income projections, traffic counts and options was considered by Cabinet on 14 April 2016 and is attached as **Appendix A**.

2.0 Cabinet Consideration 14 April 2016

Cabinet on 14 April 2016 considered the report and listened to views from members of the public (set out in the minute relating to this item at **Appendix B**). Written representations from the Greenway Rota Group and Councillor Giles, Stratford upon Avon District Councillor for Shottery are available as background papers on the website and have been put in the member Group Rooms.

Cabinet agreed as follows:

- (1) That Cabinet approves the introduction of parking charges at the Stratford on Avon to Long Marston Greenway.

- (2) That the minimum charge for parking should be 50p and not £1 as stated in the report.
- (3) That there is an evaluation 6 months after the implementation of the scheme on the impact of introducing charges and of displacement parking.

3.0 Call-In to Overview and Scrutiny Committee

On 18 April 2016, a call-in notice signed by Councillors Jenny Fradgley, Jerry Roodhouse, Keith Kondakor and Kate Rolfe was submitted to the Chief Executive. The notice gave the following reasons for all in:

- Lack of consultation with the wider community, police, Stratford upon Avon District Council and dog walkers.
- Impact of displacement parking on neighbouring areas.
- It is unclear as to the cost to the Council of implementation.

4.0 Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee consideration

4.1 The Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 3 May 2016 to consider the call-in. The Committee considered the report and minutes put to Cabinet on 14 April, considered questions and written representations from Mr Mike Watkins, on behalf of the Greenway Rota Group as well as views from Councillor Jenny Fradgley and Councillor Kate Rolfe who had signed the call-in request. The written submissions to both the Cabinet meeting and to the Committee meeting from the Greenway Rota Group and enclosed at **Appendix C**. The minutes of the Committee meeting are attached as **Appendix D**

4.2 The key concerns raised by members at the meeting were the issues of displacement parking, the cost of implementation and whether expectations of income from charges would be met. The Committee subsequently agreed (5 votes to 4) that the item be referred to Council for debate.

5.0 Options open to Council

The options open to Council are to either take no action (in which case the decision of Cabinet takes immediate effect) or refer the matter back to the Leader/Cabinet for consideration.

Background papers

Consultation responses.

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