

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2022/23
Decision No.
2430

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 3 April 2023

Portfolio	Health and Public Protection
Subject:	Extension of Coastal Car Parking Charges
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

Following the recommendation to conduct a feasibility study into extending the coastal car parking cohort in Fareham, the report sets out the findings of the feasibility study and makes recommendations.

A review of parking services was considered by the Executive on 06 December 2022. Revised hourly parking charges and an updated approach to season ticket provision were approved for the nine coastal car parks.

At the meeting, it was requested that the feasibility of extending the coastal cohort to include a further three car parks be considered.

The three car parks considered for inclusion in the coastal car park cohort are Wicor Recreation Ground, Seafield Park and Shearwater car park. Following completion of a full feasibility study (included at Appendix A to the report), it is considered that only Wicor Recreation Ground is appropriate for reclassification.

The recommendations proposed within the report support the need to generate income to continue to provide maintenance and enforcement activity across all Council car parks.

Options Considered:

Deputations were received from County Councillor Roger Price, local residents Stephen Potter, David Edwards, Veronica Wardman and Sarah Holmes and Trevor Deacon from AFC Portchester.

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillors H P Davis, P M Nother, Ms C Bainbridge and Mrs K K Trott addressed the Executive.

In addressing the Executive, Councillor P M Nother declared a personal interest as he lives in close proximity to the car park site.

The petition containing 1976 signatures entitled “We the undersigned petition the Council to immediately scrap the proposals to introduce parking charges at Wicor Recreation Ground in Portchester” was taken into account in considering this item.

The comments of the Health & Public Protection Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that:

- (a) Wicor Recreation Ground car park is reclassified as a coastal car park;
- (b) three solar powered pay-and-display machines be purchased and installed, along with appropriate signage, to support enforcement; and
- (c) AFC Portchester be offered the opportunity to purchase up to ten transferable season tickets for use by their staff, members and visitors.

Reason:

The reclassification of Wicor Recreation Ground car park as a coastal car park will provide additional income for the Council to continue to provide a good level of enforcement and car park provision across the Borough.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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