

Key Decision Required:	No	In the Forward Plan:	No
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CABINET

22 MARCH 2013

REFERENCE FROM SERVICE DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY COMMITTEE

A.3 - FREE PARKING CONCESSION AND DOG FOULING IN THE DISTRICT

(Report prepared by Tim Clarke and Colin Sweeney)

PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide feedback to the Cabinet on the views of Service Development and Delivery Committee on:

- (a) Free Parking Concession; and
- (b) Dog fouling in the District

COMMENTS FROM THE SERVICE DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY COMMITTEE

At the meeting on 28 January 2013, the Service Development and Delivery Committee considered the issues of free parking concession and dog fouling in the District.

In respect of the issue of free parking concession, the Committee resolved that:

The Committee wished Cabinet to note it had received a report on the success of the Free Parking Concession and hoped that the Concession would be continued.

At the meeting of the Cabinet, held on Friday 1 March 2013, it was **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) the extension of the current free householder parking permit scheme beyond the current expiry date of 31 March 2013 be agreed;
- (b) an expiry date for the permit of 31 March 2014 be agreed;
- (c) a permit to allow free parking be issued to all Council Tax paying households, to be used between 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014, between 11 a.m. and midnight, in all TDC car parks across the District, with the exception of The Naze, Holland Haven and any Council owned resident only car parks be agreed;
- (d) Officers be delegated the authority, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, to make all necessary arrangements and incur expenditure to continue the scheme including the provision of replacement permits;
- (e) the Corporate Director (Corporate Services) be authorised to set aside £300,000 to offset the potential financial impact of the scheme on the parking services budget for 2013/2014; and
- (f) Officers bring forward a quarterly financial report within the quarterly corporate

budget monitoring report on the impact to the Council's car park income budget.

In respect of the issue of dog fouling in the District, the Committee resolved that:

- (a) *the Committee, having received a report on dog fouling from the Environment and Coast Protection Portfolio Holder and Pollution and Environmental Control Manager, was pleased with the actions that had been taken to date but felt the subject of dog fouling, while a minor offence, was of major significance to the public; and*
- (b) *the Environment and Coast Protection Portfolio Holder liaise with the 27 Town and Parish Councils in the Tendring District to alert them to the problems associated with dog fouling, the Committee's concerns and the Council's responsibilities in dealing with the issue.*

Cabinet is now asked to consider the comments of the Committee and determine the response, if any.

Cabinet should be advised that all Town and Parish Councils have been sent a letter under the banner of the Tidy Tendring campaign inviting them to contact us if they would like additional support in tackling the issue of dog fouling in their areas.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Cabinet considers the comments of the Service Development and Delivery Committee in relation to dog fouling in the District and determines whether it wishes to make any response.

PART 2 – IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

DELIVERING PRIORITIES

Dog fouling is a very visible issue and one that can be very emotive for residents.

The cleanliness of the area contributes to tourism, healthy and active lifestyles and, most directly, the enhancement of our environment, countryside and coast.

FINANCE, OTHER RESOURCES AND RISK

Finance and other resources

The enforcement of dog fouling carries both finance and staffing resource issues.

Risk

There is minimal risk involved in enforcing the provisions of the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 although there is a reputational risk if the Council is perceived as not taking any action in respect of the problem.

LEGAL

The Council has adopted the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 and is therefore committed to enforcing the provisions therein.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Consideration has been given to the implications of the proposed decision in respect of the following and any significant issues are set out below.

Crime and Disorder / Equality and Diversity / Health Inequalities / Area or Ward affected / Consultation/Public Engagement.

There are no other implications.

PART 3 – SUPPORTING INFORMATION**BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE DECISION**

There are none.

APPENDICES

None