

## **HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Report To:** Cabinet  
2 September 2014

**Subject:** **FREE PARKING AT THE APPLGARH SHORT STAY CAR PARK**

All Wards

Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Finance: Councillor P R Wilkinson

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### **1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 This report provides information on the introduction of a revised pay and display tariff to apply in the Applegarth Short Stay Car Park in Northallerton.
- 1.2 The new tariff will operate on the same basis as the scheme that currently operates in Thirsk Market Place, where car park users can select one hour free parking or two hours paid parking for £0.60. A valid display ticket will be required for car park users to benefit from the free parking.
- 1.3 The new tariff will commence on 1 November 2014, to allow for a Notice of Variation to be published and for the introduction of software changes.
- 1.4 Introduction of the new tariff will require a Notice of Variation to the Hambleton District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Consolidation Order 2013 to be placed in the Applegarth Short Stay Car Park, and a notice to be placed in a local newspaper at least 21 days in advance of the introduction of the new tariff.
- 1.5 The scheme will require software and tariff label changes to the four pay and display machines which issue short stay display tickets.

### **2.0 LINK TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

- 2.1 The proposal links to the Council Priorities by supporting the following aims and objectives of the Council's Business Plan:
  - To put customers first and provide access to high quality, value for money services that meets the needs of our communities.
  - To support local economic growth.

### **3.0 RISK ASSESSMENT:**

- 3.1 There are no risks directly associated in approving this report.

### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

- 4.1 The projected loss of income to the Council of providing 1 hour free parking in the Applegarth short stay car park is £94,640. In 2014/15 this will be funded from the Economic Development Fund and in further years will be incorporated into the base budget.
- 4.2 The scheme will require software and tariff label changes to four pay and display machines, the cost of these changes, estimated at £300, will be found from existing revenue budgets.

## **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

5.1 The Council's Legal Team will prepare and issue the Notice of Variation to the Hambleton District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Consolidation Order 2013.

## **6.0 EQUALITY/DIVERSITY ISSUES:**

6.1 The Blue Badge scheme offers on-street parking concessions to disabled persons, either as a driver or passenger. In the District Council's off-street car parks, Blue Badge holders can park for free and for an unlimited period in designated disabled parking bays. In the Council's short stay car parks when they display their valid Blue Badge with their display ticket they benefit from an additional hour's parking over their paid parking duration. This tariff change will enable Blue Badge holders to park for free for up to two hours in the Applegarth short stay car park when they display their Blue Badge with a one hour free display ticket.

## **7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:**

7.1 It is recommended that Cabinet approve the 1 hour free parking at Applegarth short stay car park and that for 2014/15 the loss of income of £94,640 will be funded from the Economic Development Fund.

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**Background Papers:** None  
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