

ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS CABINET BOARD
REPORT OF HEAD OF ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORT –
D.W.GRIFFITHS

29TH JANUARY 2015

SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION

WARD(S) AFFECTED: PORT TALBOT, NEATH NORTH

PORT TALBOT PARKWAY AND MILLAND ROAD LONG STAY CAR PARKING

Purpose of Report

To seek Members' approval to include and formally name the new car park at Port Talbot Parkway into the Council's Off-Street Parking Order and to review the existing pay on exit car park at Milland Road, Neath.

Background

Port Talbot Parkway

Members will be aware of the Station enhancements currently being undertaken at Port Talbot Parkway. The works are progressing and it is anticipated that the new car park will become operational in late Spring 2015.

Members are requested to consider approving the implementation of the new car park at Port Talbot Parkway as a Long Stay Pay and Display car park and be named as "Harbourside – 'Parkway' car park".

Milland Road Car Park, Neath

Currently Milland Road operates as a Long Stay Pay on Exit car park, where users are able to park for several consecutive days for £3.00.

In March 2014, the Environment and Highways Cabinet Board agreed that Milland Road pay on exit car park be designated as both Long and Short Stay Pay and Display.

This report requests that Members revisit the decision made at the Environment and Highways Cabinet Board on 6th March 2014, where it was agreed that Milland Road be changed from a pay on exit to both a Long and Short Stay Car Park. Members are now requested to designate Milland Road as a Long Stay Pay and Display Car Park, to mirror the proposed Long Stay car park at Cramic Way.

The tariff structure for both car parks is set out at Appendix A, which reflects the current tariff in the Council's Long Stay car parks.

Car park users will be able to purchase either a daily ticket or a ticket to cover multiple days as required.

Pay and Display Machines and Payment Methods

The current pay and display machines only accept coins and it is proposed to offer an alternative method of payment in both of the above car parks to allow for payment by credit and debit cards.

The Council will need to provide new pay and display machines at these locations and it will be necessary to open a 'merchant account' to accept payments by card.

Members are requested to endorse the additional payment method.

A screening assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the assessment it has been determined that this function/policy does not require an Equality Impact Assessment.

Financial Implications

The cost of remedial works and the installation of the new Pay and Display machines will be funded from the Parking Services budget.

Consultation Outcome

A legal order will be advertised and any objections and observations will be reported back to Environment and Highways Scrutiny Committee and Environment and Highways Cabinet Board before a final decision is taken.

Sustainability Appraisal

The new car park at Cramic Way will support sustainable travel/parking for rail users.

The car park will support Town Centre Regeneration.

Recommendation

It is recommended, having given due regard to the Equality Impact Assessment:-

1. That the new Port Talbot Parkway - Car Park be named as “Harbourside – ‘Parkway’ car park”.
2. That both “Harbourside – ‘Parkway’ car park” and Milland Road car parks be designated as Long Stay Pay and Display.
3. That a Merchant Account be set up to accept credit and debit card payments.
4. That approval is granted to invest in new Pay and Display machines.
5. That the tariff structure set out at Appendix A be approved.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

To enable the Authority to harmonise its long stay parking provision at the Rail Stations in Neath and Port Talbot.

Appendices

Appendix A – Schedule - Tariff Structure

Background Papers

Environment and Highways Cabinet Board 6th March 2014
Equalities Impact Screening form

Wards Affected

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

PORT TALBOT PARKWAY AND MILLAND ROAD LONG STAY CAR PARKING

(a) Implementation of Decision

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call-in period.

(b) Sustainability Appraisal

Community Plan Impacts

Economic Prosperity	-	positive
Education and Lifelong Learning	-	no impact
Better Health and Well Being	-	no impact
Environment and Transport	-	positive
Crime and Disorder	-	no impact

Other Impacts

Welsh Language	-	no impact
Sustainable Development	-	no impact
Equalities	-	no impact
Social Inclusion	-	positive

(c) Consultation

A legal order will be advertised and should any objections/observations be received, these will be presented to a future Environment and Highways Scrutiny Committee for discussion before consideration by the Environment and Highways Board and a decision made.

APPENDIX A

SCHEDULE

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