

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Environment and Highways Cabinet Board

24 November 2016

Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport

D. W. Griffiths

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Neath North, Port Talbot, Pontardawe

Christmas Parking 2016

Purpose of Report

- 1 To seek Members' approval for the Christmas parking arrangements for 2016 in the Authority's pay and display car parks.

Executive Summary

- 2 The report sets out proposals to consider free Christmas car parking over the festive season.

Background

- 3 It was agreed last year that the Council offer free car parking in all the Authority's pay and display car parks from Saturday 12th to Sunday 27th December 2015 inclusive.
- 4 It is proposed that this year the Council offer free car parking from Saturday 17th December 2016 to Sunday 2nd January 2017, inclusive.
- 5 Members will be aware that free Christmas parking is currently subject to consultation as part of the wider FFP proposals with regard to the withdrawal of free Christmas car parking from 2017 onwards.

Financial Impact

- 6 Free Christmas parking is estimated to cost circa £26,000 for the whole of Neath and Port Talbot CBC car parks this year, based

upon the current tariff structure which has to be absorbed by the consolidated parking management account.

Equality Impact Assessment

- 7 A screening assessment has been undertaken and there is no requirement for a full EIA.

Workforce Impact

- 8 There are no workforce implications.

Legal Impact

- 9 There are no legal impacts.

Risk Management

- 10 Any potential loss of income would need to be absorbed by the parking account.

Consultation

- 11 There is no requirement for consultation on this item.
Signage will be placed on site informing members of the public.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended:-

- 12 That free Christmas parking is agreed in Neath, Port Talbot and Pontardawe Pay and Display Car Parks from Saturday 17th December 2016 to Sunday 1st January 2017 inclusive.

Reason for proposed Decision

- 13 A period of free parking is likely to attract increased numbers of Christmas shoppers over the festive period.

Implementation of Decision

- 14 The decision is proposed for immediate implementation.

List of Background Papers

15 None

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