#### NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

# **Environment and Highways Cabinet Board** 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

# Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport D. W. Griffiths

#### **Matter for Decision**

Wards Affected: Neath North, Port Talbot, Pontardawe

## **Christmas Parking 2017**

## **Purpose of Report**

To seek Members' approval for the Christmas parking arrangements for 2017 in the Authority's pay and display car parks.

## **Executive Summary**

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

# Background

- It was agreed last year that the Council offer free car parking in all the Authority's pay and display car parks from Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016 to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 inclusive.
- It is proposed that this year the Council offers 15 days free car parking from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018, inclusive.

## **Financial Impact**

Free Christmas parking is estimated to cost circa £20,000 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**

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

## **Workforce Impact**

7 There are no workforce implications.

## **Legal Impact**

8 There are no legal impacts.

## **Risk Management**

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

#### Consultation

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:-

11 That free Christmas parking is agreed in Neath, Port Talbot and Pontardawe Pay and Display Car Parks from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 inclusive.

## **Reason for proposed Decision**

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

## **Implementation of Decision**

13 The decision is proposed for immediate implementation.

# **List of Background Papers**

14 None

# **Officer Contact**

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