

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Streetscene & Engineering Cabinet Board

19 October 2018

Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport

D. W. Griffiths

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Neath North, Port Talbot, Pontardawe

Christmas Parking 2018

Purpose of Report

- 1 To seek Members' approval for the Christmas parking arrangements for 2018 in the Authority's Town Centres pay and display car parks (excluding Gnoll, Afan Forest Country Park and Seafrost 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 Monday 18th December 2017 to Monday 1st January 2018 inclusive.
- 4 It is proposed that this year the Council offers an extra 2 days of free parking at the beginning of the period to include the weekend starting Saturday 15th December 2018 to Tuesday 1st January 2019 inclusive.

Financial Impact

- 5 Free Christmas parking is estimated to cost circa £40,000 for the Town Centres car parks this year, based upon the current tariff

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

Equality Impact Assessment

- 6 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

- 10 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 Saturday 15th December 2018 to Tuesday 1st January 2019 inclusive (excluding Gnoll, Afan Forest Country Parks and Seafront car parks).

Reason for proposed Decision

- 12 Free parking over the festive period is likely to attract Christmas shoppers to our town centres supporting local businesses.

Implementation of Decision

- 13 The decision is proposed for immediate implementation.

List of Background Papers

14 None

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