

PLACE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

28th MARCH 2018

ITEM 7 - CALL IN

The Liberal Democrat Group would like to call in the Cabinet Decision on the Parking Strategy for Scrutiny, as detailed below.

Regarding the cabinet decision made on Wednesday 17 January 2018 regarding agenda item 8 – Parking Strategy – Public Consultation results

The following decision was made:

RESOLVED:

That approval for the implementation of Part 1 of the new Parking Strategy framework be granted.

Amongst the items that were approved were:

iii. That the car parks and on-street pay and display parking areas listed in table 4 of this report and respective specified tariff Bands are adopted within the proposed strategy framework.

v. That the hours of charging using linear tariffs be extended until 8.00pm on all Bands 1 and 2 car parks and on Frankwell Main, Riverside & Quay car parks.

vii. That the new streamlined trade's person waiver system be implemented as proposed, including a new fee of £20 per waiver.

ix. That the existing permitted concessionary parking period is reduced to 5 minutes, meaning that penalties cannot be issued until a minimum period of 15 minutes has elapsed.

We wish these parts of the decision to be examined by scrutiny for the following reasons:

iii. The banding of Castle Street Car Park in Ludlow should be re-examined, as it will encourage long stays at this car park which is better used for short stays.

The banding of car parks in Wem should be re-examined, as consultation responses from the public and local members have not been properly taken into account

v. The hours of charging for car parks and on-street parking in Ludlow should be retained at 6.00pm, to encourage evening trade. The evening economy in Ludlow is quiet, and the proposals are likely to damage it further. Parking congestion in the evening in Ludlow is not at levels that would warrant the proposed measures.

vii. The tradespersons waiver charges should be retained at £10 for the second and consecutive days parking at the same location, to avoid unduly penalising town centre residents who ultimately bear the cost of the waiver.

ix. The concessionary parking period should be retained at 15 minutes. Residents have a genuine need to pop into town for various reasons, and to insist they pay for parking for a very short visit is to discourage trade in the town centres. To reduce the concessionary parking period to 5 minutes does not give sufficient time for the public to undertake any business in the town, and to suggest that the public should openly flout the regulations and use the statutory observation period of 10 minutes to supplement their parking time encourages unlawful behaviour.