

Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

REPORT TO: Cabinet

DATE: 5 September 2023

LOCATION: Hybrid - Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron and remotely via video conference

TITLE: Feedback from the Thriving Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the Proposal for 2 hours of free parking before 11am at Council Operated Pay and Display Car Parks.

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To provide feedback from the Thriving Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 31 July 2023

Background:

The Thriving Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the report on the Proposal for 2 hours of free parking before 11am at Council Operated Pay and Display Car Parks, as requested previously by the Committee on 10 February 2023 during discussions around Fees and Charges for 2023/24.

The Officers provided a presentation to the Committee outlining the following:

- Background
- Ticket Profile
- Considerations
- Financial Impact
- Consideration and Options

Members were provided with the opportunity to ask questions which were answered by the Officers present.

- The Elected Member for Lampeter provided a proposal for 2 hours of free parking in the Cwmins and Rookery car parks in Lampeter as it would, in her view, support businesses in the Town and encourage tourists to visit. As part of the 2023/24 budget setting process a further period of one year's free parking was agreed for the pay and display car parks at Tregaron and Llandysul.
- Other Elected Members facilitated the discussion following this proposal and the Elected Members for Aberaeron and Cardigan informed the Committee of their views in relation to free parking in the car parks in their Wards.

Recommendations:

Following a proposal by Members, Committee Members agreed to recommend:

- i. That Cabinet consider undertaking a review of charging for parking along the Promenade in Aberystwyth; and
- ii. That Cabinet consider offering 2 hours of free parking between 8am and 10am on Monday to Friday in one car park in Lampeter, Aberaeron and Cardigan.

Councillor Gwyn Wigley Evans
Chairman of the Thriving Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee