

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 10TH MARCH, 2025

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 9TH JANUARY, 2025

“C228 CAR PARKING (NBS) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to introduce off-street and on-street parking charges at several coastal locations, advise of future proposals for residential parking and determine the future of the Court Road Multi-Storey Car Park in Barry.

Councillor Wilson referred to Page 7 of the report concerning ‘Off Street’ Car Parking Proposals which discussed income, areas not currently subject to parking charges and the costs associated with car parks. Details of proposed charges were described in paragraph 2.11 to 2.18 of the associated report.

Referring to the table concerning the current charging schedule for coastal car parks in paragraph 2.19 of the report, Councillor Wilson advised of an amendment to the timing described in the table, changing from 08:00 hrs to 23:00 hrs to 10:00 hrs to 23:00 hrs, which was agreed.

A further proposed amendment was that in order to create ‘churn’, a maximum time limit of 4 hours would be put in place for on-street car parking, which was agreed.

Councillor Wilson then referred to Page 10 of the report concerning ‘On Street’ Car Parking Proposals for Barry Island and Penarth Seafront in and around The Esplanade.

Referring to the table in paragraph 2.31 of the report, Councillor Wilson advised of an amendment to the timing described in the table, changing from 08:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs to 10:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs, which was agreed.

With regard to Residential Permit Parking, it was proposed that the Vale of Glamorgan Council would continue not to levy a charge for residential parking permits.

Court Road Car Park had been in operation since 1973, its use had declined steadily and there were now considerable potential costs concerning structural defects to consider. There were alternative parking, public transport, Active Travel and car-sharing opportunities available which would be encouraged.

The Leader clarified that if the proposal to expand the charges to coastal resort car parks was agreed, those car parks would also be included as part of the available

Season Tickets. The Council were also exploring a conversation with the Credit Union if residents would prefer to spread the cost of a Season Ticket and an update on that would be provided following those conversations.

The Leader also looked forward to the discussions to come at Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 14th January, 2025.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report, the amendments as described above and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the introduction of coastal car park charges at Cold Knap (Barry), Bron y Mor (Barry), Portabello (Ogmore by Sea), Cliff Walk (Penarth) and West Farm (Southerndown) be agreed in principle.

(2) T H A T the introduction of on-street charging at the locations specified at Barry Island and Penarth Esplanade be agreed in principle.

(3) T H A T the closure of the multi-storey car park at Court Road in Barry and to the provision of a future report on the building and land at this location be agreed in principle.

(4) T H A T no charges being levied on permits for residential parking schemes be agreed in principle.

(5) T H A T the introduction of digital residential parking permits and to using excess revenue collected from residential parking enforcement in pursuance of creating several new residential parking locations each year be agreed in principle.

(6) T H A T in pursuance of Resolution (2) delegated authority be granted in principle to the Director of Environment and Housing in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services to agree the extents for charging on-street at Barry Island and Penarth Seafront, as outlined within the report and for then progressing with the Traffic Regulation Order advertisement process.

(7) T H A T Cabinet would receive a further report on the future management arrangements for the car park at Cwm Colhuw, Llantwit Major.

(8) T H A T the report be referred to the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee for its consideration at its meeting on 14th January, 2025.

(9) T H A T use of the Council's urgent decision procedure, as set out at section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution, be agreed in order for the report to be considered by Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee for its consideration at its meeting on 14th January, 2025.

(10) T H A T in view of no adverse recommendations being received from the above Committee, Resolutions (1) – (7) be agreed.

Reasons for decisions

(1-7) To ensure the 'in principle' agreement of Cabinet to the recommendations, prior to them being considered by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

(8-9) To permit consideration of those matters by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

(10) To permit all resolutions to be taken forward as promptly as possible.”