

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Special Hybrid Meeting, 28th January, 2025.

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Present: Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby (Chair); Councillor C. Iannucci-Williams (Vice-Chair); Councillors C.E.A. Champion, P. Drake, V.P. Driscoll, A.M. Ernest, M.J. Hooper, J.M. Norman, E. Penn, J. Protheroe and S.T. Wiliam.

Also present: Councillors A. Asbrey, J. Aviet, R.M. Birch (Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language), G. Bruce, I.R. Buckley, L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), J.E. Charles, A.M. Collins, C.P. Franks, R.E. Godfrey, E.J. Goodjohn, S.M. Hanks, W.A. Hennessy, N.P. Hodges, G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), Dr. I.J. Johnson, B. Loveluck-Edwards, S.D. Perkes (Cabinet Member for Public Sector Housing and Tenant Engagement), R. Sivagnanam (Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, Equalities and Regulatory Services), N.C. Thomas, R.R. Thomas, M.R. Wilson (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services) and N.J. Wood.

AGENDA ITEM 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor A.M. Ernest declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 3 – Car Parking – in that he was a member of Penarth Yacht Club. Due to this being a personal interest only, he remained in the meeting for the agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 3. CAR PARKING (REF) –

A recorded vote was called for a Motion / recommendation put forward and seconded which asked for the current proposals within the reference and report to be withdrawn (except for the one concerning residential parking permits) and for these to be referred back to Cabinet and new proposals drafted, in light of the comments made by the Committee, Elected Members and members of the public at the meeting:

Councillor	For	Against	Abstain
S. Lloyd-Selby		√	
C. Iannucci-Williams		√	

C.E.A. Champion	√		
P. Drake		√	
V.P. Driscoll	√		
A.M. Ernest	√		
M.J. Hooper	√		
J.M. Norman			√
E. Penn		√	
J. Protheroe		√	
S.T. Wiliam	√		
TOTAL	5	5	1

Due to there being a tied vote, the Chair, with her casting vote, voted against the Motion / recommendation and therefore it was not carried.

Subsequently, a further Motion / recommendation and recorded vote was put forward and seconded which asked for the report to be referred back to Cabinet with the comments made and issues highlighted by the Committee, Elected Members and members of the public at the meeting, in order for additional work to be done on the report's proposals prior to implementation:

Councillor	For	Against	Abstain
S. Lloyd-Selby	√		
C. Iannucci-Williams	√		
C.E.A. Champion		√	
P. Drake	√		
V.P. Driscoll		√	
A.M. Ernest		√	
M.J. Hooper		√	
J.M. Norman	√		
E. Penn			√
J. Protheroe	√		

S.T. Wiliam		√	
TOTAL	5	5	1

Due to there being a tied vote, the Chair, with her casting vote, voted for the Motion / recommendation and therefore it was carried.

Following the recorded votes, Committee

RECOMMENDED – T H A T, following consideration by the Committee, the report be referred back to Cabinet with the following comments / issues identified, in order for additional work to be done on the report's proposals prior to implementation:

- The Committee welcomes the proposal concerning residential parking permits;
- That Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) be applied to each of the proposals referred to in the report. The Committee felt there had been insufficient consideration on these and the impacts on the locations affected and further work was required;
- Regarding the point on the use of EIAs above, this included Court Road multi-storey car park, with further work needed to identify current use and the potential impact of its closure on the availability of alternative car parking spaces, the potential impact that might have on nearby residents and any mitigation that would be required to address those concerns. The Committee was of the view that the future of Court Road car park should be set within a vision for the town centre in relation to town centre renewal and that consideration should be given to include a capital bid to secure the future of the car park as part of that process. Creative solutions should be explored to secure the future of the car park;
- Regarding the on-street car parking proposals, further consideration be given on this, including a period for free car parking of one or two hours and / or seasonal parking;
- Should on-street parking charges be introduced, then there should be a review period built into that so appropriate changes could be made as required;
- That the legal position in relation to the use of any money that might be raised through the introduction of car parking charges be clarified, in order to fully understand what that money could be spent on specifically;
- With regard to off-street parking charges, the Committee's view was that work should be done to improve the car parking facilities at Cliff Walk – Penarth, and Bron y Mor – Barry, prior to the implementation of charging at those locations;
- That appropriate enforcement capacity would be required to achieve the objectives of introducing charging both in on-street and off-street areas;
- Consideration should be given to what approaches could be made to ensure affordability in relation to parking permits so that local residents who might be experiencing financial hardship were not disadvantaged;

- In relation to off-street charges there should be engagement with the relevant stakeholders in the Western Vale in relation to the service design of car parks in that area.

Reason for the recommendation

Having regard to the contents of both the Cabinet reference, the appended report and discussions at the meeting, the Committee felt that further consideration and consultation were needed as part of reviewing the report's proposals, and their comments should be considered by Cabinet as part of this.

N.B. The additional details concerning the Recorded votes were added to this Decision Notice on Tuesday, 11th February, 2025.