

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF THE HERITAGE, CULTURE AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

Decision Made: Monday 13 July 2015

Parking Charges in Mote Park

Issue for Decision

To consider parking charges being introduced to Mote Park.

To consider the options for enforcing the parking charges at Mote Park.

To consider authority being delegated to the Parking Services Manager to issue concessions and free parking permits to volunteers of Mote Park Fellowship, community and special interest groups that already pay to use the park (such as Maidstone Victory Angling Club; Big Bang Productions, Cygnet Model Boat club; etc.); park residents; and charitable or community groups (such as Mencap) based on an agreed criteria.

To consider that a budget of £77,000 (changed to £87,000 after Members noted that the original figure was incorrect) is earmarked for the delivery of this project from the capital programme funding for commercial projects.

To consider that authority is delegated to the Head of Commercial and Economic Development to spend the budget to implement the proposal to introduce parking charges at Mote Park.

Decision Made

- 1) That the parking charges of £1.00 for stays of up to six hours (with no return within two hours) be introduced to Mote Park from 10 a.m. every morning;

2) (a) That the preferred options at paragraph 4 of the report of the Head of Commercial and Economic Development be approved as follows:-

*** the parking charges of £1.00 for stays of up to six hours (with no return within two hours) be introduced to Mote Park from 10am every morning;**

* stays of longer than six hours will be charged at twice the rate of the town centre car parks;

* a season ticket will be offered to borough residents at an annual cost of £40. (Maximum stay of six hours with no return in 2 hours)

* special interest groups will qualify for concessions (no maximum stay)

(b) that authority is delegated to the Head of Commercial and Economic Development to finalise operational details in conjunction with the Parking Services Manager; spend the budget in support of delivery of the project; to obtain the relevant permissions and licences to implement charges

(c) the Council will be required to enforce the scheme by way of a Traffic Regulation Order. It is proposed that the enforcement function is delegated to Parking Services. The cost of enforcement will be part of the operating costs. The Council will also monitor and review the impact on parking in the areas around the park and identify measures to mitigate any adverse impact that may arise due to the introduction of charges.

- 3) That delegated authority be given to the Parking Services Manager to issue concessions and free parking permits to volunteers of Mote Park Fellowship, community and special interest groups that already pay to use the park (such as Maidstone Victory Angling Club; Big Bang Productions, Cygnet Model Boat club; etc.); park residents; and charitable or community groups (such as Mencap) based on an agreed criteria;
- 4) That a budget of £87,000 be earmarked for the delivery of the Mote Park parking charges project from the capital programme funding for commercial projects; and
- 5) That delegated authority be given to the Head of Commercial and Economic Development to spend the budget to implement the proposal to introduce parking charges at Mote Park.

Background Papers

Should you wish to refer this decision to the Policy and Resources Committee, please submit a Decision Referral Form, signed by three Councillors, to the Head of Finance and Resources by: xxxxxxxxxx