

**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE CABINET**

**4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2007**

**CAR PARKING TASK GROUP**

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Councillor Mrs. M.A. Sherrey J.P.
Responsible Head of Service	Mike Bell, Head of Street Scene and Waste Management Services

**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 To consider the findings and recommendations of the Car Parking Task Group which are contained within the attached report and which have been approved by the Scrutiny Steering Board.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 Members are requested to approve and implement the recommendations contained within the attached report, bearing in mind that the budget approved at the recent Council meeting might impact on some of the recommendations.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Following the Council's original decision to increase charges for Parking Permits and to introduce parking charges for the disabled and persons over 65, the Leaders of two Opposition Groups on the Council produced independent reports on these issues, which triggered the decision to set up the Task Group.
- 3.2 During their deliberations, the Task Group heard evidence from representatives of the town traders, the disabled, senior citizens, the general public, as well as comments from a number of Council officers.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The implementation of the recommendations contained within the body of the report would have a significant effect on the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan. However, in this regard, Members will no doubt recall that, following the submission of a petition in relation to charges for car parking

permits to a recent meeting, it was agreed that officers be requested to investigate means by which the budget figure of £50,000 “could be utilised to ensure the Council’s car park facilities may be used to best advantage by disabled persons and all sections of the community. “

**5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Possible amendment(s) to Car Parking Order.

**6. CORPORATE OBJECTIVES**

6.1 The objectives meet the Council’s Vision, Values and Objectives insofar as there has been community influence, and accords with the Council’s priority of Customer Service, Reputation and Performance..

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

7.1 Significant loss of current income.

**8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 See Report.

**9. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

Procurement Issues	None
Personnel Implications	None
Governance/Performance Management	None
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998	Reduced risk of confrontations between Offender and Parking Attendant.
Policy	None
Environmental	None
Equalities and Diversity	Yes

## 10. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Acting Chief Executive	Yes
Corporate Director (Services)	Yes
Assistant Chief Executive	No
Head of Service (i.e. your own HoS)	Yes
Head of Financial Services	Yes
Head of Legal & Democratic Services	Yes
Head of Organisational Development & HR	No
Corporate Procurement Team	No

## 11. APPENDICES

See Report

## 12. BACKGROUND PAPERS

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