



## Report of the Convener of the Car Park Charges Scrutiny Working Group on 28 November 2017

### CAR PARK CHARGES

<b>Purpose:</b>	To look at Car Park Charges in Swansea and how charges affects local communities, tourism and footfall.
<b>Content:</b>	Information about Car Park Charges
<b>Councillors are being asked to:</b>	Consider the information provided to the working group and to make conclusion and give views and recommendations to the Cabinet Member via a Conveners letter.
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#### 1. Background

- 1.1 The working group have been given a brief by the Scrutiny Programme Committee for one off working group to raise issues and ask questions about car park charges and provision across Swansea including information on service performance and plans for improvement.

#### 2. Car Park Charges in Swansea

- 2.1 The Panel requested a report and invited the Cabinet Member for Environment Services to the working group to discuss Car Park Charges in Swansea.
- 2.2 A report giving an overview of the Service will be provided, the Working Group have also sent the following questions to the Cabinet Member in advance of the meeting:
  - a) What future developments are planned for new and improved parking in Swansea and particularly the City Centre?
  - b) How are we factoring in parking as part of the new developments planned for the City Centre and, for example, will we be looking

to negotiate operating costs and maintenance with those developers in the City Centre?

- c) A breakdown of maintenance and operational costs for car parking in Swansea including breakdown of charges (itemised, preferable into City Centre, beach/Gower parking, other), could the cost of traffic wardens be separated also?
- d) Do we have information about who uses our cars parks? For example do we do any research on who uses our car parks to ensure that when charges increase/decrease it does not detrimentally affect say tourism or footfall? Do we do any user surveys?
- e) Can you give details of how you compare with others including any recent benchmarking information around car parking charges, operating and maintenance costs with other local authorities and private sector?

### **3.0 Conclusions**

- 3.1 The working group are asked to consider this information provided and to make their views and any recommendations known to the Cabinet Member via a Conveners Letter.