



Joint Report of the Cabinet Members for Economy, Finance and Strategy & Environment & Infrastructure

Cabinet - 19 October 2023

Additional Revenue Provision for Parking Offers 2023/24

Purpose:	To seek approval for additional funds to continue the current parking offer (1,2,3,4,5) for a limited period up to 31 st March 2024.
Policy Framework:	Council Constitution - Financial Procedure Rule 5
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that Cabinet: 1) Approves additional one-off funds of £850,000 to continue the current parking offer (1,2,3,4,5) for a limited period up to 31 st March 2024 noting the attendant risks highlighted specifically by the S151 Officer
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1 Background

- 1.1 Cabinet at its meeting on the 18th May 2023 approved recommendations for approved schemes to be funded from residual balance of the Economic Recovery Fund (ERF) 23/24 within Financial Procedural Rule 5 Additional revenue provision for residual ERF 2023/24.
- 1.2 The report included Additional Car Parking Offers with the purpose to extend a range of offers for city centre car parking.

2 Parking Offers

- 2.1 The 1,2,3,4,5 Offer which was introduced, provided parking for one pound per hour for the first four hours and five pounds all day (24Hr).

This offer has been introduced for all council owned car parks within the City Centre (excluding Copr Bay Car Parks) since 24th July 2023 and is available to all users.

3 Spend Profile

3.1 Income

The additional Car Parking Offer of £500,000 was approved under the Financial Procedural Rule 5 from the residual Economic Recovery Fund 2023/24. This investment will supplement parking revenue up to 30th October 2023.

- 3.1.1 For the offer to continue, there is a need for a further £850,000 to supplement parking revenue for the period of 31st October 2023 - 31st March 2024.

3.2 Reduction in Predicted Revenue associated with Car Parking Offer

- 3.2.1 Period 1st April 2023 – 23rd July 2023

Income as projected within the Budget 23/24

April 2023	£184,172.75
May 2023	£232,889.46
June 2023	£216,282.58
July 2023	£188,781.13 (Full Month)

- 3.2.2 Period 24th July 2023 – 30th October 2023
£500,000 Based on monthly budget projection.

- 3.2.3 Period 31st October 2023 – 31st March 2024
£850,000 Based on annual budget projections

4 Integrated Impact Considerations

- 4.1 The Council is subject to the Equality Act (Public Sector Equality Duty and the socio-economic duty), the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure, and must in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:
- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Acts.
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - Deliver better outcomes for those people who experience socio-economic disadvantage
 - Consider opportunities for people to use the Welsh language
 - Treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English.
 - Ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

- 4.2 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development. Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the 'well-being goals'.
- 4.3 Our Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) process ensures we have paid due regard to the above. It also considers other key issues and priorities, such as poverty and social exclusion, community cohesion, carers, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and Welsh language.
- 4.4 An IIA Screening Form (**Appendix A**) has been completed with the agreed outcome that a full IIA report is not required due to the following:

It is envisaged that that the continuation of the pilot offer will have a positive impact for the City Centre.

5 Financial Implications

- 5.1 There is inherent uncertainty over the current year financial position as set out in the delayed first quarter monitoring report considered elsewhere on this agenda.
- 5.2 If this one off extension were to be agreed, it should be funded one off from contingency in year, which may reduce in-year flexibility elsewhere, given multiple other budgetary pressures and potential existing calls already flagged on contingency.
- 5.3 The S151 Officer is comforted that this is a one off ask and could therefore proceed at risk. There will need to be an exit strategy for the one-off offer and either reversion to existing budget or, as part of future budget setting, a revision to base budget exploring all levers and options open to Council to reset both the service and whole Council budget. The S151 Officer accepts that is part of a legitimate policy consideration for budget setting by Council and Cabinet can only consider one off extension at present, but Cabinet must be mindful of its longer term aspiration and intent in making any decision given the outlook for the public finances looks especially challenging.

6 Legal Implications

- 6.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

Background Papers:

Cabinet Member for Economy, Finance and Strategy

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Financial Procedural Rule 5 Additional Revenue Provision for Residual Economic Recovery Fund 2023/24

<https://democracy.swansea.gov.uk/documents/s93553/14%20-%20FPR5%20Additional%20revenue%20provision%20ERF.pdf?LLL=0>

Appendices:

Appendix A - IIA Screening Form