

CHORD PROGRAMME – PARKING UPDATE, HELENSBURGH

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report advises members of an operational issue in relation to the re-programming of the parking meters in the Sinclair Street car park in Helensburgh.

The Policy and Resources Committee (21 August) agreed to remove the temporary suspension of charging in the Sinclair Street car park under the proviso that the first two hours be free.

Due to unanticipated software issues with our supplier the service is not in a position to implement the 'first two hours free' on 1 September as originally directed by members.

This report recommends that a new implementation date of 20 October 2014 be approved by members.

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- 2.1 This report advises members of an operational issue in relation to the re-programming of the parking meters in the Sinclair Street car park in Helensburgh.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members note the report.
- 3.2 Members agree to the new implementation date of 20 October 2014

4.0 DETAILS

- 4.1 At its meeting on 21 August 2014, the Policy and Resources Committee instructed officers to end the temporary suspension of parking charges in the Sinclair Street car park from 1 September 2014 to 31 December 2014, with the proviso that the first two hours be free to compensate for the loss of on-street parking (around 47 spaces) during phases three and four of the CHORD works.
- 4.2 To facilitate the 'first two hours free' it would be necessary to re-programme the parking meters so that users would be issued with a 'free ticket' covering the two hour period, with charges then being applied to stays longer than two hours. The council's supplier has indicated that this would require on-site re-programming work which they are not in a position to do until mid-October. As a result the Policy and Resources Committee's decision cannot now be implemented until 20 October 2014.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 This is an update report to members advising that an operational adjustment to parking meters will result in a delay in implementing a decision by the Policy and Resources Committee.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1	Policy	Report seeks amendments to a decision of the P&R committee to accommodate operational requirements for the adjustment of car parking equipment.
6.2	Financial	Minor reduction in income at Sinclair Street Car Park as all parking will remain free up until 20 October.
6.3	Legal	None known
6.4	HR	None known
6.5	Equalities	None known
6.6	Risk	None known
6.7	Customer Services	None known

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