

**GULDFORD SQUARE ROTHESAY – PARKING CHARGES**

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides additional updated information for members with respect to the parking arrangements associated with the new store development in Guildford Square, Rothesay.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Members note the information.

**3. DETAILS**

- 3.1 Members considered a report to the June Area Committee in 2013 where a number of options were presented that would satisfy a requirement, by the store developer, that there would be free parking available at the new store.

- 3.2 Members decided to adopt Option 3 of the proposals but asked for further information with respect to the timescales and costs.

**3.2.1 Option 3**

It is possible to install a car park ticket machine which will provide tickets for one hour free parking at the press of a button or accept money for longer periods of parking. There is a risk of littering if the machine is abused. It would also be necessary to have a "No Return Period" of, say, two hours or longer to control chain ticketing with free tickets. This involves the parking attendants in additional work to identify vehicles that are parked in abuse of the rule. There is a cost to replace the machine, maintain the machine and provide free tickets.

- 3.3 The current ticket machine is close to the end of its life and would be due for replacement in the next few years. It is likely that the development will take some time till the store opens for customers. An appropriate machine can be installed as a replacement.
- 3.4 Despite several requests to the developer we had been unable to ascertain when the store is expected to open. Local information advises that site clearance and

initial excavation is underway. This could suggest a possible store opening in the spring of 2015, this is entirely speculative.

3.5 The costs involved are projected to be:

Replacement ticket machine, supply and install	£4,000
Lost revenue, based on a limited survey of the existing ticket purchase pattern	£6,000-£7,000 per year
Costs for warden's time, additional maintenance and tickets are difficult to quantify but are expected to be of the order of	£1,200 per year

#### 4. CONCLUSION

4.1 The reduced revenue from car park charges based on current income equates to 44-52%. The increased enforcement and maintenance costs are best estimates and true cost will only be available once the development is completed.

#### 5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1	Policy	Promotes town centre regeneration
5.2	Financial	Loss of revenue income, increased enforcement cost, increased maintenance and servicing costs.
5.3	Legal	None
5.4	HR	None at present
5.5	Equalities	None
5.6	Risk	None
5.7	Customer Services	None

#### 6. APPENDICES

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