

Subject: Beach Coach Car Park & Lorry/Coach Station

Report to: Management Team 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
Economic Development Committee 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017

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### **SUBJECT MATTER/RECOMMENDATIONS**

Beach Coach Station – Provision of Reserved Bays/Parking for surrounding Businesses within Gated Area of Beach Coach Station

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to specifically address the questions raised by Councillor Walsh on behalf of the Yarmouth Area Committee in relation to currently unused land on Beach Coach Station Car and Lorry/Coach Park and the need by local Guest House Owners for additional parking.

## **2. QUESTIONS ASKED**

- 2.1 The following questions were raised in relation to the provision of reserved bays within the gated area of the Beach Coach Station and the use of the gated area of the Beach Coach Station.

1. Why this carpark cannot be used for the small bed-and-breakfast which desperately need private parking?
2. Why has the car park been left all these years without any form of revenue?
3. Why is the price £600 per space?
4. Why this carpark cannot be used in the same way as other gated car parks that the council have?

## **2.2 Responses to Questions**

In answer to question 1, this area of the car park could not currently be used for provision of parking for businesses without works undertaken on the surface of the car park including lining, lighting and security considerations. Changes to the use of this area is also likely to require a change in the current Traffic Order in place.

In answer to question 2, originally this gated area was for the provision of parking for staff working from the Beach Coach Station building. Whilst this

area has been tentatively looked at for potential income opportunities in prior years in consideration of works required to be undertaken there are no current plans in place to look at other options.

In answer to question 3, Parking Services gave an indication of estimated annual cost of a reserved bay on the main Beach Coach Station Car Park based on the current reserved bays on the seafront car parks which are currently £550.00 per year.

In answer to question 4, there are a number of barrier car parks around the borough but these tend to be non-fee paying car parks within residential areas. It would not be appropriate to use this area of the Beach Coach Car Park for free public parking because of its location.

### 3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

3.1 It should be noted that this area has been identified as one of the compound areas for the Venetian & Waterways project which commences April 2018 for a 12 month period. Therefore, this area will be in use until April 2019 under current timescales of the project.

3.2 There is already parking provision in place which could accommodate the Guest House Owners requirements. A monthly parking permit for the main Beach Coach Station Car Park is currently is already available for £32 per month. From November through the winter, daily charging is reduced to £1 per day and £1 for overnight.

*Areas of consideration: e.g. does this report raise any of the following issues and if so how have these been considered/mitigated against?*

| Area for consideration                       | Comment            |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Monitoring Officer Consultation:             |                    |
| Section 151 Officer Consultation:            | Yes                |
| Existing Council Policies:                   |                    |
| Financial Implications:                      | Yes                |
| Legal Implications (including human rights): | Yes Traffic Orders |
| Risk Implications:                           | Yes                |
| Equality Issues/EQIA assessment:             |                    |
| Crime & Disorder:                            |                    |
| Every Child Matters:                         |                    |