

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL

NAME OF COMMITTEE	Executive
DATE	24 April 2014
REPORT TITLE	Yealmpton Car Park
Report of	Street Scene Manager
WARDS AFFECTED	Yealmpton

Summary of report:

Following the review of free parking areas in South Hams, this report is to update Members on discussions with Yealmpton Parish Council and the community.

Financial implications:

A saving of approximately £2,000 will be generated from Yealmpton car park.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is recommended that officers finalise the agreement with Yealmpton Parish Council, as detailed in paragraph 2, and as resolved previously by the Executive, in order to achieve the proposed saving of £2,000.
2. It is further recommended that, should the Parish Council find that it is unable to proceed with an agreement to generate and pay the anticipated income to the District Council, the District Council will proceed with the implementation of a Pay & Display scheme in the car park, as detailed in paragraph 3.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Following a review of all free parking areas throughout the South Hams, it was considered that Yealmpton car park was one of four identified where it was possible for savings to be made by generating income from the car park in order to meet running costs.

1.2 Members will recall that during the 2012/13 budget setting process a saving was agreed from this piece of work of £10,206, and Yealmpton is the final car park to be considered.

2. SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN AND PREFERRED OPTION

2.1 Meetings have been held with Yealmpton Parish Council and with the interested local community.

2.2 As a result, at the time of writing the report, it is anticipated that Yealmpton Parish Council will wish to enter an agreement with the District Council to lease the car park for an initial period of one year.

2.3 This will give the Parish Council the opportunity to establish whether it can raise income of £2,000 by selling parking permits to Yealmpton Parish residents, leaving the remainder of the car park available for short-stay parking, up to a maximum of two hours.

2.4 The Parish Council has requested that the District Council support this initiative by providing a parking enforcement service, and this request can be accommodated within the current staffing resource, in return for PCN income.

2.5 The agreement is to include the requirement for £2,000 to be paid in two equal sums, the first at the start of the agreement and the second after six months. The agreement is also to include a termination period of three months by either party.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTION

3.1 The Parish Council has raised concerns in respect of its ability to raise the anticipated income, it has agreed that, should this not prove possible, that a Pay & Display scheme should be implemented. Because the Council is keen to encourage vehicle turnover, the following tariffs are recommended, and as agreed with the Parish Council:

½ hour	£0.20
1 hour	£0.50
2 hours	£1.40
3 hours	£2.00
4 hours	£2.80

3.2 A verbal update in respect of the two options above will be given at the meeting of the Executive.

3.3 Should an agreement be reached with the Parish Council, which is then subsequently terminated for any reason, the Parish Council is aware that the District Council will proceed with the implementation of a Pay & Display scheme.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Council has power to provide off-street parking under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

4.2 The Council has the power to deal with the provision, management and control of car parks.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 During the 2012/ 13 budget setting process a saving was agreed from this overall piece of work of £10,206. This amount was to be taken from strategic reserves until such time as the free car parking reviews were complete.
- 5.2 Anticipated income from Yealmpton car park is £2,000, either by an agreement with the Parish Council or through the implementation of a Pay & Display scheme.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Risk Management implications are shown at the end of this report in the Strategic Risks Template.

Corporate priorities engaged:	Community well-being Access to services Towards excellence Customer first
Statutory powers:	As stated in paragraph 4
Considerations of equality and human rights:	Not applicable
Biodiversity considerations:	None
Sustainability considerations:	None
Crime and disorder implications:	None
Background papers:	None
Appendices attached:	None

STRATEGIC RISKS TEMPLATE

No	Risk Title	Risk/Opportunity Description	Inherent risk status				Mitigating & Management actions	Ownership
			Impact of negative outcome	Chance of negative outcome	Risk score and direction of travel			
1	Public reaction to P&D	The Parish Council is being given the opportunity to propose an alternative scheme	3	1	3	↓	Should P&D have to be implemented, reasonable charges have been recommended	C Aubertin

Direction of travel symbols ↓ ↑