

**Summary of Comments made on the Cabinet Agenda for  
Wednesday 10 April 2024**

**4 Park Exercise Permit**

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee did not scrutinise this report at the meeting because a report on the subject shortly before the scheme was introduced had been considered by the Committee. Following consideration of that report, the Committee had requested a follow-on report after the scheme had been in operation for a while to check that the permits were operating in the way intended and then to discuss if the scheme should continue. The follow-on report was never forthcoming because various issues arose which stymied the operation of the scheme in the way intended to produce measurable results.

The recommendations in the report to Cabinet did not include an option on whether to proceed or not with the scheme but was purely to determine if the terms and conditions of the scheme should be changed.

The Committee requested that a report should be produced after the summer period on how the scheme was performing along with some data, including data on how much of officers' time was being spent with the implementation and governance of the scheme.

**5 Revisions to fees for markets in 2024**

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee did not scrutinise this report at the meeting but made comments to Cabinet.

The Committee requested that when in the future these same types of recommendations are made, more evidential data backing up the proposals being made should be provided; if fees are to be reduced then there should be options provided to mitigate or alternative plans that help to overcome some of the challenges being faced.

The Committee raised a concern that footfall numbers were reducing but there were no plans to reduce the fees. Markets were an important part of communities and the economy in towns.

Members of the Committee wish to remind Cabinet that these assumptions are built into our budget for the year and therefore making changes after the budget has been set could be problematic.

**8 Joint Waste Contract – Customer Services**

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee did not scrutinise this report at the meeting because it had very recently considered a report on the subject under its own

Work Programme and it is one of the Council's contracts the Committee has chosen to scrutinise.

The Committee thanked officers for their work in bringing that report to it proactively. The Committee welcomed the recommendations in the report to Cabinet.