TO: ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 17 June 2003

SUBJECT: CAR PARK INCOME AND USAGE FIGURES 2002 / 03.

FROM: LEISURE AND AMENITIES GROUP

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## 1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To updated Members on car park income and usage data for the full financial year 2002/03.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As part of the measurement of the performance of the car parks, various pieces of car park data are recorded on a monthly basis.
- 2.2 Appendix 1 indicates the income and usage performance from ticket sales, season tickets income and number and income of Excess Charge Notices issued for the full financial year 2002 / 03.
- 2.3 Overall income was slightly behind estimate although there was a large increase in the level of paid for tickets being issued across the District.
- 2.4 Season ticket income finished behind last year due to the move of some businesses out of the town centre who previously issued Season Tickets to members of staff.
- 2.5 The level of Excess Charge Notices issued also ran behind last year due to the introduction of clearer signage in car parks as highlighted in the Best Value Improvement Plan and the service operating on one less car park inspector. Income from ECN's was up due to a one off vat refund received during the year.
- 2.5 Paid for usage of the car parks was up 7.5% however income was down 2%. This reduction in income from ticket sales is due to the move at the start of the year to an hourly charging regime which allowed people to purchase the hours required rather than having to buy up to 2 or up to 4 hour tickets in 2001/02.
- 2.6 In Warwick and Kenilworth income fell by 6.4% and 12.9% and in Old Town by 22% which has been particularly impacted by the loss of the surgery on Court Street car park and increased capacity of parking at the railway station.

- 2.7 Paid for usage has increased in all locations except Old Town -18.3%. Paid for usage in Learnington was +4.0%, Warwick +6.2% and Kenilworth +21.2%, resulting in the overall paid for usage increasing by 7.5%.
- 2.8 The use of 15 minute free tickets was 16% below last year at 524,833 against 625,008. In Learnington the level was down by 10.2%, Warwick by 7.8% and in Kenilworth by 23%.
- 2.9 Total car park usage (including paid for and 15 minute free) was up in Leamington by 8,000 and in Warwick by 21,000. Total usage in Kenilworth was down by 13,000.

## 3. OUTCOME REQUIRED

Members to note the overall usage of car parks in 2002/03 and the new estimates for 2003 / 04 indicated in Appendix 2.

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Appendix 1 Car Park Budget information Full Year 2002 / 03. Appendix 2 Car Park estimates for 2003/04.

Areas in District Affected:

All town centers.

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