

EXECUTIVE

Excerpt of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9 January at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Doody (Chairman/Leader); Councillors Caborn, Coker, Cross, Mrs Grainger, Hammon, Mobbs, Shilton and Vincett.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Barrott (Labour Group Observer), Councillor Boad (Liberal Democrat Group Observer), Councillor Gifford (Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee), Councillor Mrs Knight (Chair of Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee) and Councillor MacKay (Independent Group Observer).

122. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest relevant to this excerpt.

PART 1

(Items on which a decision by Council is required)

124. **CAR PARKING CHARGES IN WARWICK**

The Executive considered a report from Neighbourhood Services report that highlighted the process followed to bring forward a proposal in support of the introduction of linear parking charges in Warwick.

Warwick Town Council supported the recommendation of a move to linear charges in off-street car parks in Warwick at its meeting on 6 December 2012.

Following discussions with Warwick Town Council in September 2012 a working group was set up to look at improvements to the parking offer including the possible introduction of linear charges in Warwick, as had been adopted in Leamington during July 2012.

That group, which included Councillors Dhillon and Holland representing Warwick Town Council together with representatives from Warwick Chamber of Trade, supported the move to bring on and off street prices into line.

The alternative option considered was for charges to remain unchanged. This was rejected because the introduction of linear charges offers customers a far more flexible charging structure which removed the main concern users had with the current charging arrangement where customers often don't have the correct fee and that P&D machines do not provide the customer with change.

Having read the report the Executive agreed the recommendations as written.

RECOMMENDED that Council

- (1) approves the move in Warwick to introduce linear charges and the associated changes to charges set out in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) supports the County Council introducing linear charges for on-street spaces based on the same charge per stay as is planned to be changed in off-street parks.

(The Portfolio Holder for this item was Councillor Shilton)
(Forward Plan reference 476)

(The meeting ended at 6.45 pm)