

Report No.2

Report to Meeting of Malmesbury Town Council 23rd February 2016

Free parking days

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To invite the Town Council to consider a request from Wiltshire Council to submit views on proposed changes to the allocation of free parking days

2. Background

- 2.1. The current policy of Wiltshire Council is to allocate local councils a number of discretionary free parking days to allocate as required.
- 2.2 In the case of Malmesbury Town Council this has been two days, the timing being determined by the Community and Town Promotion Committee.
- 2.3. In addition to the above, individual event organisers are also approaching Wiltshire Council with requests for additional free parking days resulting in Wiltshire operating and funding two schemes.
- 2.4 Wiltshire Council has indicated that the current schemes are not sustainable and are seeking views on the revised proposals.

3. Proposals

- 3.1. The Wiltshire Council is now seeking to operate one scheme for the allocation of free parking days.
- 3.2 The first option is for local councils to receive a limited number of free days and then be wholly responsible for the onward provision of free spaces to event organisers. Wiltshire Council would not then offer any spaces direct to event organisers, irrespective of the event.
- 3.3 The second option is for Wiltshire Council to assess all applications for free parking days and award free parking arrangements direct to the event organisers.
- 3.4 The Town Council is invited to submit any other option for consideration.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications falling upon the Town Council but if option 2 is adopted the Town Council could find that when making a request for free parking days the allocation has already been used by other event organisers. In these circumstances the Town Council would need to purchase days from Wiltshire Council should free parking days be required.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to consider a response to Wiltshire Council.

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Town Clerk
3rd February 2016.