

CAR PARKING – MILLOM AND CLEATOR MOOR

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Summary: This report informs Executive that Cleator Moor Town Council and Millom Town Council have made a formal request to lease the pay and display car parks at Jacktrees Road and The Square (Cleator Moor) and Lancashire Road (Millom). This request follows recent negotiations with the two councils, and the principles are based on a similar arrangement which was agreed and supported by Executive (21/2/06) for both St Bees Parish Council and Seascale Parish Council

Recommendation:	That <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Millom Town Council offer of £1,600 pa to subsidise free parking at Lancashire Road car park is accepted, commencing from April 2007.2) Cleator Moor Town Council offer of £3,500 pa to subsidise free car parking at Jacktrees Road and the Square car parks is accepted, commencing from April 2007 as a one year agreement in line with the other car parks3) In keeping with Bees and Seascale Paris Councils, all future agreements with Cleator Moor and Millom Town Council are accepted on an annual basis and is delegated to the Head of Leisure and Environmental Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and subject to the Town Council's contribution being adjusted for inflation.4) The 2007/8 services fees and charges for L&ES are adjusted to take account of the £846 shortfall
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Impact on Delivering Corporate Plan: No direct impacts, although consultation with the community as represented by both parish councils is a basic core of the Councils activities

Impact on other statutory objectives (e.g. crime & disorder, LA21) Provision of free car parking in Cleator Moor and Millom will improve traffic management in the two areas, therefore leading to an improve visual aspects of the local environments

Financial and human resource implications: If Cleator Moor Town Council and Millom Town Council offers are accepted, a initial shortfall of £500 is expected, however this will be accounted through adjustment to the services fees and income for 2007/8

Project & Risk Management: None

Key Decision Status

- **Financial:** None
- **Ward:** None

Other Ward Implications: None

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 I reported to Executive on the 21/2/06 both St Bees Parish Council (Station Road car park) and Seascale Parish Council (Foreshore Car Park) had made an offer following negotiations for an annual lease arrangement, this allowed both parishes to introduce and promote free car parking in their parish areas.
- 1.2 At that time I also reported that Millom Town Council had written asking for charges to be removed from Lancashire Road car park, though unlike St Bees and Seascale Parish Councils there was no offer to enter into a partnership with this Council. Executive agreed not to support this request.
- 1.3 Following the Executive decision, and through further negotiations, Millom Town Council have reviewed their position and are offering £1,600 pa to subsidise free parking on Lancashire Road car park, and would like the arrangement to commence at the earliest opportunity, this offer is £278 less than predicted income for the financial year, though is in line with arrangements with St Bees and Seascale Parish Council's.
- 1.4 More recently Cleator Moor Town Council have made a request to subsidise free car park and again through negotiations have made an offer of £3,500 pa for Jacktrees Road and the Square car parks. They are looking for a two year arrangement and as with Millom Town Council they would like the arrangement to commence at the earliest opportunity, this offer is £568 less than predicted income for the financial year.
- 1.5 As with St Bees and Seascale Parish Councils, this Council would retain the responsibility for existing insurance, rates, rent and maintenance costs as was originally intended, though enforcement responsibility within the car parks would become the responsibility of the Town Councils.

2. ARGUMENT

- 2.1 As previously reported, Executive have gone some way to recognise the economic pressures on communities by minimising car parking charges outside of Whitehaven, and again the Town Councils have sought to positively respond to an opportunity to find and implement a local solution.
- 2.2 Cleator Moor Town Council and Millom Town Council both requested that they would like the arrangement to be put in place at the earliest opportunity. It is recommended that this request is declined as the Council is not in a financial position to address the income shortfall against the predicted income this financial year. If Cleator Moor Town Council and Millom Town Council offers are accepted it is therefore recommended that agreements are effective from the April 2007
- 2.3 Cleator Moor Town Council also requested a two year arrangement, which would place its agreement at odds with the others, and reduce flexibility to deal with future events. Instead it is proposed to mirror the other agreement on a 12 month rolling basis.

3. CONCLUSIONS

- 3.1 In conclusion it is recommended that both Cleator Moor Town Council and Millom Town Council's offers be accepted subject to the above recommendations and that the services 2007/8 fees and charges are reviewed to take account of the £846 shortfall

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Car parking income 2005/6

List of Background Documents: Car parking income 2005/6

List of Consultees: Cllr Allan Holiday, Sue Borwick Martin Jepson

Appendix 1

2005/6 Car Parking income for Cleator Moor Square 1 & 2, Jacktrees Road and Millom Lancaster Road

CAR PARK INCOME													
2005/6													
Period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
<u>Cleator Moor</u>													
Cleator Moor Square 1	270.35	164.58	293.17	114.05	116.64	206.27	263.62	168.23	250.43	146.24	260.48	114.55	£2,368.61
Cleator Moor Square 2	167.85	52.91	183.41	109.79	99.50	144.19	139.66	98.98	101.87	158.31	141.96	179.65	£1,578.08
Jacktrees Road	29.61	13.18	28.59	22.81	14.04	3.74	4.17	4.77	0	0	0	0	£120.91
Totals	467.81	230.67	505.17	246.65	230.18	354.20	407.45	271.98	352.30	304.55	402.44	294.20	£4,067.60
<u>Millom</u>													
Lancaster Road	£ 116.20	£ 172.90	£ 156.15	£ 150.20	£ 199.60	£ 165.05	£ 155.55	£ 125.50	£ 186.60	£ 170.60	£ 136.00	£ 143.10	£1,877.45

Town Council	Offer	Income	Balance
Cleator Moor	£3,500.00	£4,067.60	£567.60
Millom	£1,600.00	£1,877.45	£277.45