

Eden District Council

Executive  
7 July 2015

**Free Parking Days 2015 - 2016**

Reporting Officer: Director of Corporate and Legal Services

Responsible Portfolio: Economic Development Portfolio

**1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To consider the provision of free parking at specific times during July, November, December and February 2015/16 in support of events in Penrith and Appleby.

**2 Recommendation:**

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| 1. That the requested periods of free parking from 10.00hrs to 18.00hrs on 18 July, 14 and 28 November, 5, 12, 19 and 26 December 2015 and 27 February 2016 be approved. |
| 2. That a supplementary estimate of £10,500 be approved.   |

**3 Report Details**

- 3.1 The Council has been asked to consider allowing free parking in its pay and display car parks to support local events including Penrith Goes Orange, Penrith on a Plate, Winter Droving and the Winter Festival. These requests have been made in order to support these events and also the local retail trade in Penrith.
- 3.2 The periods of free parking that have been requested are:

Saturday 18 July	Penrith on a Plate	10.00 - 18.00
Saturday 14 November	Winter Droving	10.00 - 18.00
Saturday 28 November	Winter Festival	10.00 - 18.00
Saturday 5 December	Winter Festival	10.00 - 18.00
Saturday 12 December	Winter Festival	10.00 - 18.00
Saturday 19 December	Winter Festival	10.00 - 18.00
Saturday 26 December	Winter Festival	10.00 - 18.00
Saturday 27 February	Penrith goes Orange	10.00 - 18.00

- 3.3 The requested charge-free periods would apply to the Council's pay and display car parks in Penrith at Bluebell Lane, Princes Street, Sandgate, Mansion House, Town Hall and in Appleby at Broad Close. They would also apply to the car park at Drovers Lane should charging be in place at any or all of the proposed times.
- 3.4 The request for free parking to support events in the town was approved in previous years. The number of days on which free parking is requested has increased. The promoter has been requested to provide information on the effect of the provision of free parking on the events. The anticipated loss of income for all the days requested is £10,500 for which a supplementary estimate will be required. The 'loss' in the last financial year was £5,900.

## **4 Policy Framework**

- 4.1 The Council has four corporate priorities which are:
- Decent Homes for All
  - Strong Economy, Rich Environment
  - Thriving Communities
  - Quality Council
- 4.2 This report supports the Quality Council corporate priority of economic vitality.

## **5 Implications**

### **5.1 Legal**

- 5.1.1 There are no specific legal implications.

### **5.2 Financial**

- 5.2.1 Any decision to reduce or increase resources must be made within the context of the Council's stated priorities, as set out in its Council Plan 2015-19 as agreed at Council on 16 April 2015.
- 5.2.2 The proposed free parking periods will result in a direct loss of income to the Council. The potential loss of income is estimated at approximately £10,500.

### **5.3 Equality and Diversity**

- 5.3.1 The Council has to have regard to the elimination of unlawful discrimination and harassment and the promotion of equality under the Equality Act 2010 and related statutes.
- 5.3.2 There are no specific equality and diversity implications.

### **5.4 Environmental**

- 5.4.1 The Council has to have due regard to conserving bio-diversity under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.
- 5.4.2 There are no bio-diversity and sustainability issues.

## **5.5 Crime and Disorder**

5.5.1 Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 the Council has to have regard to the need to reduce crime and disorder in exercising any of its functions.

5.5.2 There are no specific implications for crime and disorder.

## **5.6 Children**

5.6.1 Under the Children Act 2004 the Council has to have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in the exercise of any of its functions.

5.6.2 There are no implications relating to children.

## **5.7 Risk Management**

5.7.1 Risk Management is a process whereby attempts are made to identify, actively control and reduce risk to protect the council. This covers not only the traditional areas of insurable risk but also the organisational risk that the council faces in undertaking all its activities.

5.7.2 There are no specific implications for risk management.

## **6 Reasons for Decision/Recommendation**

6.1 The provision of the requested free parking will provide support to local events and benefit the local economies.

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### **Governance Checks:**

Checked by or on behalf of the Chief Finance Officer	✓
Checked by or on behalf of the Monitoring Officer	✓

Background Papers:

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