RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

(as a result of the Cabinet meeting on 24 March 2020 being cancelled due to Covid-19 situation)

*PART 1 - PUBLIC DOCUMENT

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted [if applicable]

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: Regulatory

1. DECISION TAKEN

In respect of the Cabinet Agenda – 24 March 2020 – Item 13 - Inflationary Increase in Car Parking Tariffs 2020-21

- (1) That the proposed off-street car park tariffs for 2020/21 as set out in the Tables 1 to 5 at Appendix A (1) of the report as amended in light of paragraphs 2 and 3 of the addendum note be adopted.
- (2) That the proposed increase in season tickets prices of 4%, for 2020/21, as set out in Table 6 at paragraph 9.3 of the report, for each of its long stay car parks in Hitchin, Letchworth Garden City and Royston be agreed.
- (3) That the proposed increase in business permit prices of 4%, for 2020/21, as set out in Table 7 at paragraph 9.4 of the report, for its car park at St Martins Road in Knebworth be agreed.
- (4) That it be agreed not to increase the charges for resident permits, visitor permits, business permits or visitor tickets for resident permit zones for 2020/21.
- (5) That the proposed tariff changes, as recommended in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.3 of the report, are implemented as soon as practicable, and that officers in consultation with the Executive Member and Deputy for Planning and Transport proceed with the implementation as required.

2. DECISION TAKER

The Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

3 April 2020

4. REASON FOR DECISION

The Cabinet meeting on 24 March 2020 was cancelled due to the Covid-19 situation.

To implement an increase in car parking tariffs and season ticket prices in order to effectively manage their use and in accordance with the Council's fees and charges policy as set out in its Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

5. CONSULTATION WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Consultation including the effect on stakeholders, partners and the public is contained within the report published with the Cabinet agenda for the meeting on 24 March 2020.

Given the current Covid-19 situation and government advice regarding gatherings, the meeting of the Cabinet was not possible. Therefore, the Cabinet Members were requested to provide an indication as to how they would have voted and any comments as to guide the decision maker.

By the prescribed deadline 8 votes were cast in favour of the recommendation.

The following Members of Cabinet voted:

- Councillor Ian Albert
- Councillor Judi Billing
- Councillor Paul Clark
- Councillor Elizabeth Dennis-Harburg
- Councillor Gary Grindal
- Councillor Keith Hoskins
- Councillor Steve Jarvis
- Councillor Martin Stears-Handscomb

There were no comments made my Members.

6. SUPPORTING REPORT

Other information relevant to the decision, such as legal, financial, risk, social value and equality implications, is contained within the report published as Item 13 within the Cabinet agenda for the meeting on 24 March 2020 via link below:

https://democracy.north-herts.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=133&Mld=2200&Ver=4

NOTIFICATION DATE

3 April 2020

Signature of Decision Taker

D. Schole

Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

In respect of Executive Decisions, as per section 6.3.11(b) of the Constitution 'Call-In and Urgency', the call-in procedure does not apply when the decision being taken is urgent. For the purposes of the current Coronavirus pandemic, this decision is considered to be urgent (as normal meetings and the decision-making process has been suspended). The Chair of Council has been informed and agrees that the decision is a reasonable one in the circumstances and is to be treated as a matter of urgency.