



DECISION OF DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

DECISION NO. 16/17 DE 212

SUBJECT: Approval to commit spending from On-street surplus income to resurfacing the rear of Melrose car park, in Weston-super-Mare.

Background:

In 2013 most of the front half of this car park was resurfaced. Some of the rear of this car park used to be Council Garages that were rented to the public. Those Garages were demolished in 2007.

The rear area has been patched as required since then but has now reached the stage that this is no longer cost effective.

Melrose is a very well used pay and display car park with forecast revenue this year of £286k.

Previously an allocated of up to £50k has been allowed for those works but those has now risen to £61.6k

The executive member responsible for car parks, Cllr Elfan Ap Rees has been briefed on this item on 31 October 2016

Spending and allocation of Surplus funding:

Under the 1984 Road Traffic Regulation Act which is used to enable charging and enforcement of on-street pay and display bays any surplus can be used for:

- To fund the scheme.
- Meeting all or any part of the cost of the provision and maintenance by the local authority of off-street parking accommodation.

If it appears to the local authority that the provision in their area of further off-street parking accommodation is unnecessary or undesirable, the following purposes—

- Meeting costs incurred, whether by the local authority or by some other person, in the provision or operation of, or of facilities for, public passenger transport services.
- The purposes of a highway or road improvement project in the local authority's area,
- The purposes of environmental improvement in the local authority's area.
- In the case of such local authorities as may be prescribed, any other purposes for which the authority may lawfully incur expenditure

Decision:

That the full amount of £61.6k is made available to cover those works, from the existing On-street surplus. This will be the maximum and we will trying to reduce this amount by re-using some of the existing tarmac where possible.

Reasons:

This allows the maximum spaces to be used by the public which will be increased by three by those works. It will also demonstrate that we are using on-street surplus income to benefit car parks in Weston-super-Mare. It will also reduce the risk of injury or damage to persons and vehicle while using this car park.

Other Alternatives Considered:

Skanska is currently the approved contractor for those type of works. This will be managed by a North Somerset Council highways engineer and is the most cost effective solution. While carrying those works the new pay and display machine installation has been include to be done at the same time.

Risk Assessment:

There is a continued risk of under-recovery of any parking area due to the following factors:-

- Free on-street parking for blue badge holders
- Impact of national concessionary fares scheme
- Economic downturn
- Speed of development of new retail and leisure facilities
- Poor weather conditions
- Changing travel choices
- Poor conditions within the parking area

This car park also has the safer car parks award which is based on many factors one of which is the condition of the car park.

Financial Implications:

Works Order/Job Pack	£47,750.01
Skanska Overheads (7%)	£3,342.50
Material Testing	£507.00
Design Fees (15%)	£7,739.93
<i>Sub Total:</i>	<i>£59,339.44</i>
Larry Walker (P&D Civils)	£2,300
Total:	£61,639.44

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Director of Development and Environment

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