

Chichester District Council

SPECIAL CABINET

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Call In: Review of Parking Charges

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2. Recommendation by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2.1. That the Cabinet reconsider the decision made at its meeting on 4 November 2020 relating to Item 14 Review of Parking Charges taking into account the following comments made by the Committee:

3. Consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

3.1. The request fulfilled the requirements listed in part four of the Constitution, paragraph 29 of the Call In Procedure, and was accepted as valid. It was referred to the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 18 November 2020.

3.2. The request stated that the proposal to increase parking charges will cause significant harm to the local economy with detrimental effects on the local businesses leading to a further decline of the Chichester city centre and High streets in the District. The impact of these charges during the current Covid 19 pandemic and the long-term ability to recover long after the new charges are implemented was not fully considered by Cabinet in their debate

3.3. The Committee's view was that they agreed with the concerns raised within the call in request (set out in 3.2 above) and also that consideration should be given to the use of the Council's reserves in these unprecedented circumstances instead of increasing parking charges in the District. The Committee resolved that Cabinet be asked to reconsider the decision taking these points into consideration.

4. The Call In Request

4.1. The Council's Constitution provides that a decision made by the Cabinet does not come into effect until a call-in period (three clear working days after the decision is notified to members) has elapsed.

4.2. During the call-in period the call-in request was received, from Cllr Plowman, supported by Cllrs Apel, Bowden, Bangert, Evans and Johnson.