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Information for meeting on Monday 15 November 2021

Agenda item 9. To receive the final determination by Ryedale District Council in respect of Town Farm car park

Email received on 1 November:

As shared previously, the request from Kirkbymoorside Town Council for free car parking in the town each day was put to the Senior Management Board (SMB) for consideration last Thursday.

Following discussion of the request, consideration of a number of potential ways forward and the proposed longer term district wide plans, the final recommendation of SMB was that a specific offer for Kirkbymoorside should not be implemented at this time, and provision should be made for Kirkbymoorside at the same time as the district wide offer. The recommendation of SMB has been agreed by the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee. The offer from Kirkbymoorside Town Council to contribute financially to offset any lost income was noted and very much appreciated.

The final decision was made for the following reasons:

- a. Concern about the consistency and equity of provision across the district and between individual towns;
- b. The potential negative impacts on some users, in particular permit holders – SMB were acutely aware of the challenges associated with needing to offer refunds or extensions to permit holders;
- c. The potential negative reputational impact to RDC of making further changes / additional offers following an 18 month period in which the car parking offer has been subject to various changes;
- d. Aware of additional costs that would be incurred as a result of reprogramming works required to make any offer; and
- e. The impact of any new offer and the work resulting from this on the Customer Services and Streetscene teams in particular. Any offer implemented would require additional resource from both these teams and at this time that cannot be serviced.

I can fully appreciate that this will be disappointing news for you but as indicated previously we are looking at a district wide free parking scheme for the next financial year which will hopefully go some way to providing the offer you have requested. In the short term we would of course be more than happy to work with you to facilitate free parking on occasional days in the run up to Christmas in order to support the Christmas Market and any other events within the town. Please don't hesitate to contact me with the dates and we can put arrangements in place. On these days we will simply cover the machine and add a sign to indicate there are no parking charges on that day.

Once again, I'm sorry not to be sharing the news you had hoped for but if there is anything else I can do, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

With kind regards,

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