

**Comments to the Cabinet on the following proposals:**

- a) The Committee noted the budget proposals relevant to the Place and Corporate Directorates and agreed to forward the minutes to the Cabinet as a summary of the issues raised.
- b) The Committee wished to make the following comments to the Cabinet on the Proposals within the Place and Corporate Directorate:

**CS1920/06 – Refuse Collection – Review of Charging for Waste Special Collections**

- The Committee felt that ways of making the Service more efficient and cost effective without increasing charges could be explored.
- The Committee expressed concern that the proposal to increase the minimum charge to £20 for up to three items may result in an increase in fly tipping.
- The Committee was concerned about the impact of the charge upon low income families and that consideration should be given to a discount.
- There was a need for greater monitoring and enforcement of fly tipping alongside this proposal and investment in cameras / CCTV and publicity about cameras to better prevent fly tipping.
- More detail and explanation is needed in the Business Case e.g. the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act Five Ways of Working Section of the Business Case: Integration – makes a statement that fly tipping would be reduced, but it does not provide any details to substantiate how.

**CS1920/07 – Off street parking – Changes to Council Parking Charges**

- The Committee requested a breakdown of the administration costs of the service from the Head of Streetscene and City Services before a decision upon the proposal to increase the charge for Residents Parking.
- The Committee recommended that the increased resident parking permit charge should not be introduced until parking enforcement is in place.
- The Committee proposed the increase of the number of business parking spaces be explored, which could increase revenue and could reduce illegal business parking.

**CS1920/08 – Customer Services – Reduction in Customer Services Operating Hours – Information Station only**

- The Committee expressed concern about the closure of the Information Station for a whole day and effect that this would have upon the most vulnerable service users.
- Having regard to the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act Five Ways of Working – Collaboration, the Committee recommended exploring collaboration with Newport City Homes and other partners on the provision of joint city centre customer services thereby reducing and sharing costs rather than closing services.

**CS1920/10 – Introduce Parking Charges within Tredegar Park and Fourteen Locks**

- The Committee stressed the need for consultation and engagement to be sensitive and focussed on the individual sites and their uses, as each park was different in nature, in different locations and had different user groups e.g. water park, sporting activities, historic, and what is suitable for one may not be applicable to the others.

### **PSB1920/02 – Partnership – Reduction in Voluntary Sector Grants**

- The Committee commented that the Business Case for this proposal did not contain sufficient information about which organisations the removal of grants would effect and the services being impacted upon.
- The Committee took assurance that Recommended Option 2 - to commission a service to deliver against a contract set to the corporate priorities would fund successful organisations up to 2021/22.
- The Committee recommended signposting Shop Mobility to Newport Now and other city centre providers e.g. Kingsway and Friars Walk to discuss any alternative funding available for the Shopmobility service.