

**CABINET**  
25 September 2014

**PRESENT** – Councillor Dixon (in the Chair); Councillors Copeland, Harker, C L B Hughes, McEwan, D A Lyonette, A J Scott and Wallis. (8)

**INVITEES** – Councillors Curry and Mrs H Scott. (2)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE** – Councillors Crichlow, Harman, Johnson and E A Richmond. (4)

**C51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

**C53. (URGENT ITEM) KEY DECISIONS – TOWN CENTRE PARKING** - The Leader introduced the report of the Director of Economic Growth (previously circulated) seeking approval to a number of actions to support and underpin the Town Centre Economy through the next 18 months, as the Cinema, Leisure Complex and multi storey car park development at Feethams takes place.

**RESOLVED** – That, subject to approval of funding by Council at its meeting scheduled to be held on 25 September 2014:-

- (a) the £5,000 grant to the Sunday market, be approved;
- (b) the introduction of the extra hour's free parking for drivers paying for two or more hours, to start in mid-November 2014 and run until spring 2016., be approved;
- (c) the introduction of a lower tariff of 50p per hour in four of the Council's less busy car parks (East Street, Garden Street, Upper Archer Street and Chesnut Street), to start on 1 October and run until Spring 2016, be approved;
- (d) the standardisation of parking charges in Abbots Yard car park with the other popular Town centre car parks, be approved;
- (e) the additional parking to be provided through a temporary Park and Ride scheme and through temporarily reinstating some parking spaces adjacent to the Town Hall and DfE, be approved; and
- (f) the reinstatement of the electronic highway signage showing available parking spaces in Town Centre car parks, be approved.

**REASONS** - (a) To encourage Town Centre visitors parking in Council car parks to stay in the Town Centre for longer.

(b) To support the Town Centre businesses including the Markets through the next 18 months, so that they are well placed to maximise the benefits to Town Centre Economy arising from the Feethams developments.

(c) To help reduce pressure on popular car parks by more evenly distributing parking across all of the Town Centre car parks.

**DECISIONS DATED –**