

15. URGENT MOTION - PROPOSED CAR PARKING CHARGES

The Council Executive considered an urgent motion in the following terms :-

“Members are asked to note that at Partnership & Resources PDSP at its meeting on 1st February 2019 members considered the report to :-

- Note a wider review of the management of parking (both on and off street) will be progressed to ensure a comprehensive approach to parking controls in West Lothian; and
- Note that the review will consider the various models for the delivery of parking controls.

Members are reminded in this context that as regards the 5 year revenue plan for 2018/19 to 2022/23 on 13th February 2018, included a proposal for charging for council owned car parks giving a saving (related to income generation) of £260,000 from 2019/20.

Council Executive agrees that car parking charges are not to be introduced in the 5 year period ending 2022/23 and that officers should undertake the wider parking review on that basis. It is noted that this will result in a £260,000 recurring loss of income.

The Head of Finance and Property Services is instructed to take this into account in preparing a balanced budget for 2019/20,

The Head of Finance and Property Services has verified the financial consequences of this motion.

- Moved by the Chair and seconded by Councillor Kirsteen Sullivan

Amendment

That any proposals on car parking charges were not to be decided on by Council Executive but were to be considered as part of the overall budget setting meeting of West Lothian Council which was due to take place on 19 February 2019.

- Moved by Councillor Damian Timson and seconded by Councillor Charles Kennedy

A roll call vote was taken. The result was as follows :-

Motion

Harry Cartmill

David Dodds

Lawrence Fitzpatrick

Cathy Muldoon

Amendment

Frank Anderson

Peter Heggie

Charles Kennedy

Tom Kerr

George Paul

Damian Timson

Kirsteen Sullivan

Dave King

Decision

Following a roll call vote the motion was successful by 7 votes to 5 (1 member absent) and it was agreed accordingly.