

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

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### 1 PURPOSE

To update Committee on a number of issues relating to parking and Climate Change.

### 2 CAR PARKING

2.1 For information, we are trying to promote the use of our pay-by-phone provider, MiPermit. We are in the process of obtaining some new posters to be displayed on our car parks. There are two different types:

a) QR Code (for Android) and The App Clip (for Apple):

These will allow the customer to scan the code displayed on the poster with the camera on their mobile phone and will instantly open the MiPermit App. If the MiPermit App isn't already installed on their mobile phone, it will load the instant app version instead. This will then start on the 'Create Stay' screen with the location already selected, as the QR Code and App Clip will be car park specific. If the customer's device does not support instant apps and does not have the app installed, it will load the MiPermit root portal in a web browser and take the customer directly to the 'Pay for Parking' page with the location already selected.

b) NFC (Near Field Communication):

These will allow the customer to simply hold their mobile phone close to the NFC Chip, which will then load the instant app, full app, or web portal ready to pay for their parking. This means that the customer doesn't have to scan the QR Code or the App Clip if their mobile phone supports NFC.

### 3 TOWN CENTRE CAR PARK

3.1 Discussions have taken place with the owner of the alternative car park site and they eventually agreed to lease the land to the council.

Discussions with LCC about the entrance to the site stalled due to the officer in their development control retired and it was deemed that the entrance previously discussed was no longer acceptable in its present form.

3.2 Discussions with the council's planning section highlighted the fact the site and the trees along the edges of the site formed part of the town's conservation area and as such planning permission may not be granted.

3.3 It has been agreed that officers will make an approach to Planning and see what is involved in building at the edge of the conservation area.

3.4 Further discussions are ongoing with the Car Park Working Group for alternative suitable sites.

#### 4 CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

- 4.1 The working group have been made aware of, and have today supported, two climate change initiatives that are being initiated.
- 4.2 One is the provision of 18 no. electric staff-cars charging points to be installed at the council's offices partly funded by the Work Place Charging Scheme. A survey was commissioned on the current electrical supply to the offices to ensure there is sufficient spare capacity of the electrical supply and prices are now being sought from suitable contractors.
- 4.3 The second is contractors are being sought to provide advice and prices for the supply and installation of solar panels, at the Council's Depot, to the existing roofs where possible, and for the provision and installation of a number of solar panel vehicle charging points, ready for the introduction of electric/hybrid works vehicles.

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