



AGENDA

For a meeting of the
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL
to be held on
TUESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2005
at
2.30 PM
in the
COMMITTEE ROOM 1, COUNCIL OFFICES, ST. PETER'S HILL, GRANTHAM
Duncan Kerr, Chief Executive

Panel Members:	Councillor Ken Joynson, Councillor Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown, Councillor John Nicholson (Chairman), Councillor Stan Pease, Councillor Ian Selby, Councillor Mrs Judy Smith, Councillor Ian Stokes, Councillor Jeff Thompson (Vice-Chairman) and Councillor Mrs Azar Woods
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Members of the Panel are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed below.

- 1. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**
To receive comments or views from members of the public at the Panel's discretion.
- 2. MEMBERSHIP**
The Panel to be notified of any substitute members.
- 3. APOLOGIES**
- 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Members are asked to declare interests in matters for consideration at the meeting.
- 5. ACTION NOTES**
The notes of the meeting held on 20th September 2005 and 2nd November 2005 are attached for information.

(Enclosure)

6. FEEDBACK FROM THE EXECUTIVE

7. TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN GRANTHAM

Brian Thompson From Lincolnshire County Council Highways Department will attend the meeting to discuss traffic problems in the Brook Street area of Grantham.

8. CALL-IN: CAR PARKING CHARGES IN GRANTHAM AND STAMFORD

The following decision taken by the Cabinet on Monday 7th November has been the subject of a request for call-in by Councillors O'Hare, J. Hurst, Wilks, M. Williams and F. Hurst, in accordance with rule 16(c) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules:

DECISION:

That the Cabinet:

- 1. Approves the tariffs proposed in Option 3 in report number DOS294 for implementation as of April 2006;**
- 2. That fines for failure to display a valid ticket should be increased to £60.00 (reduced to £30.00 if paid within 7 days);**
- 3. That fines for parking for a longer period than paid for should be increased to £40.00 (reduced to £20.00 if paid within 7 days);**
- 4. That the cost of season tickets should be increased in line with those presented in report number DOS294;**
- 5. In light of representations received from members of the public, no charge will be introduced for parking on Sundays, bank holidays or evenings at this time;**
- 6. Acknowledge the time taken by Stamford Chamber of Trade and Commerce in putting forward its own proposals for charges. Whilst it could not accept these because they did not comply with the Council's policy of equalisation, the Cabinet considered that there was some merit in some of their suggestions and requested that the Management Accountant consider these aspects.**

The reasons for exercising the call-in are:

1. Decision uses car parks as a means of making money for the Council rather than supporting the local economy.
2. The complete absence in the report of a survey of views from the public in Stamford.
3. That as 92% of the people surveyed in Grantham said cost was the most important factor, to raise costs further may be financially counterproductive.
4. That the overall level of increases in charges views car parks not as a service (which should at least break even) but mainly as a means of raising extra money.
5. Making best use of assets as a policy means giving enough weight to the fact that car parks are a public asset (service) and not just a financial asset.

CATEGORY B PRIORITY: CAR PARKING

9. WELHAM STREET CAR PARK

The Corporate Director of Community Services to provide a report on Welham Street Multi-storey Car Park.

10. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

The Senior Planning Officer (Policy) to update the Panel on the Local Development Framework.

(Enclosure)

11. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

Public Information Pillars Working Group.

To feedback final recommendation for information. Action notes from this meeting had been circulated and considered at the meeting of the Healthy Environment DSP on 8th November 2005.

Small Business Units Working Group

Notes from the meeting held on Friday 4th November.

(To Follow)

12. BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

(Enclosure)

13. WORK PROGRAMME

(Enclosure)

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS, which the Chairman, by reasons of special circumstances decides is urgent.