

AGENDA ITEM: 6 - PETITIONS

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – 25 JANUARY 2011:

C50. APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT A CHARGED COMMUNAL CLEANSING SCHEME FOR COUNCIL TENANTS AND LEASEHOLDERS (FLATS ONLY)

The Neighbourhood Regeneration Manager submitted a report on behalf of the Head of Communities (copies of which had previously been circulated to Members to seek approval to implement a cleansing contract and seek approval to go out to tender to seek the most competitive price.

The Neighbourhood Regeneration Manager that :-

- the proposed charges were fair in comparison to other Local Authorities
- they had heavily consulted with the Tenant's Forum Executive Committee who expressed that they were opposed to the charge

Members raised the following issues/concerns :-

- why the rules in the Tenant Hand Book (in relation to cleanliness) were not being enforced
- that a fair and consistent approach should be followed
- if all the flats could be brought up to the standard at St John's Court
- that the flats needed to be clean otherwise there would be a problem with void properties

RESOLVED that

(1) Melton Borough Council implement a cleansing programme at a charge of £1.50 per property per week;

(2) the charge be reviewed annually.

C53. COUNCIL HOUSING CAR PARKING – TOWN CENTRE FLATS

The Head of Communities submitted a report (copies of which were previously been circulated to Members) to allow Members to make a decision as whether or not to implement an enforceable car parking permit scheme for the Housing Revenue Account car parks in Melton Mowbray Town Centre.

The Neighbourhood Regeneration Manager stated that :-

- visitor permits could be issued (with a time limit) that would be allocated to a property
- garages not earmarked for sale were being let
- the car parks had been resurfaced and were now of a very high standard
- the permits could be posted to residents or could be collected from Community Centres
- it may be necessary to report the uptake of the scheme on an annual basis

Members raised the following issues/concerns :-

- if residents could choose not to have a permit
- where residents could collect the permits from
- maintenance of the car park
- preventing fraudulent use of the permits
- the use of empty garages
- the cost of administering the scheme
- if negotiations could take place with Leicestershire County Council about the cost of the permit

RESOLVED that

- (1) the introduction of a chargeable car parking permit scheme (to be administered by Leicestershire County Council at a cost of £30 per permit to the resident) be approved;
- (2) Delegated authority be granted to the Head of Communications in consultation with the Chairman of the Community and Social Affairs Committee to scrutinise the cost of the permit provided by Leicestershire County Council.