# **AGENDA ITEM 6**

## **RURAL, ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

## 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2013

## **REPORT OF HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES**

## CAPITAL SCHEME UPDATE - CAR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

#### 1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To approve the business case for a first phase of planned car parking improvements.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that:-
  - (i) Members approve the business case attached at Appendix A for £38k in respect of car parking improvements for submission to the Policy Finance and Administration Committee.
  - (ii) Members note the intention not to proceed with the works relating to the Cattle Market at this time.

#### 3.0 KEY ISSUES

#### Background

- 3.1 Full Council has allocated funding of £133k in respect of a range of car parking improvements as outlined below:
  - Cattle Market £95,000
  - Surface Patching works at Various Pay and Display Car Parks and Works to Railway Sidings £38,000
- 3.2 In respect of the Cattle Market it is not recommended that these works are proceeded with at this time. This will enable members to have the opportunity to consider the overall strategy with regards to the site through the Cattle Market Working Group and by this committee at its next meeting.

#### 4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The surface patching to car parks and works to railway sidings need to be carried out in 2013/14 to ensure safe and effective use of the assets.

## 5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The cost of £38,000 will to be funded from Capital Receipts.

## 6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The council is responsible for maintaining the assets incorporated in the business case and Health and safety matters are a consideration in the decision making process.

## 7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

7.1 The car parks have again reached the Park Mark Standard and to maintain this industry award capital works are required to counter the wear and tear by users of the facilities

## 8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 Each car park has specific disabled and special user bays marked out for mobility issues and specific user needs, which need to be maintained to ensure they are fully useable and the surfaces need to be wheel chair and buggy friendly.

# 9.0 RISKS

9.1 If the car park resurfacing works do not proceed the effects of weather and use will degrade the facility and make parts unusable thus degrading a currently well used service. If the railway sidings works do not proceed, when the Burton Street Car Park re-surfacing takes place there will be pressure on the surrounding car parks.

## 10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 There are no specific matters relating to climate change.

## 11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 In preparing the appendices to this report consultation has taken place between Project Managers and the finance. In addition, the business case has been considered by the Programme Board.

## 12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 To varying degrees all wards are affected by this project as it is of benefit to the borough and visitors.

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Appendices:

Appendix A – /Business Case/– Car Parks– Abattoir Land, surface repairs and railway sidings works.

Background Papers: Project mandates

Reference: