



# CAR PARK MANAGEMENT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 74/21

13 SEPTEMBER 2021

The purpose of this Report is to update Members on developments with the proposed management by the Town Council of the town's other four car parks since the August meeting and agree next actions.

## No. DETAILS

### 1) BACKGROUND

- a) Minute 87/21 of the Town Council meeting of 9 August provides a summary of its discussion of Report 66/21 for that meeting as follows

*The Clerk asked Members to consider two distinct approaches to the ongoing discussions, the first being to wait for, and if acceptable work with, the Isle of Wight Council's offer of changes to be incorporated by them and the second being to open discussions with the other Island Town and Parish Councils interested in managing their own car parks with a view to a combined approach to the Isle of Wight Council for local management of car parks.*

*Councillor Ian Bond made the point that there are good reasons for progressing both approaches at the same time.*

- b) The Mayor added that

*he would draft an email for circulation to the other Town and Parish Councils known to have an interest in managing their own car parks.*

### 2) PROGRESS: APPROACH (A)

- a) The first of the two approaches was recorded in Report 66/21 to the Town Council Meeting of 9 August in the form of two commitments from the meeting the Mayor and Clerk had with the Isle of Wight Council's Alex Minns, Sean Newton and Parking Services Manager Mark Downer on 28 July.
- b) Those commitments were:
- i) to provide a written response to the 2018 Business Case for the Town Council's management of all the town's car parks; and
  - ii) to assess which of the advantages listed in the Parkspace Consulting Report might be deliverable within the Isle of Wight Council's continuing management of the four larger car parks.
- c) There has been no progress to date on either of these commitments.

### 3) PROGRESS: APPROACH (B)

- a) The Mayor arranged a virtual meeting to discuss local management of car parks that took place on Monday 6 September with the Chairs of Freshwater Parish Council, Sandown Town Council and Newport and Carisbrooke Community Council and the Town Council's Clerk.
- b) The Mayor will report on the resulting discussion at this meeting.

### 4) RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council is recommended to agree further actions to progress