



# CAR PARKS

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 8/16

14 MARCH 2016

The purpose of this paper is to provide Members with the second of the quarterly Reports on the operation of the four Car Parks for which the Town Council became responsible on 1 August this year.

## No. DETAIL

### 1) BACKGROUND

- The management of the Dudley Road, Market Street, Pound Lane and Shore Road Car Parks was transferred to the Town Council on 1 August 2015 under leases until 31 March 2038.
- Under the agreement, the Isle of Wight Council remains responsible for enforcement and cash collection with a balancing payment of rent against income being due at the end of each 12-month period.
- The total annual rent due retrospectively in August each year is £24,900 made up of Dudley Road £7,700, Market Street £5,700, Pound Lane £4,700 and Shore Road £6,800.
- By Minute 81/15 of its meeting of 8 June 2015 the Town Council delegated responsibility for the management of the Car Parks to the Town Clerk advised by the Public Buildings Working Group and requested quarterly reports on them.
- This report covers the six month period from 1 August 2015 to 31 January 2016.

### 2) CAR PARK INCOME

- The income due to the Town Council for that half year period is as set out in the following table; it also shows the average income from each of the four Car Parks over the previous four years and variances from them over the same period.

| Car Park      | Income        | Average       | Variance   | % Variance  |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| Pound Lane    | 3,347         | 2,278         | 1,069      | 46.9%       |
| Market Street | 2,377         | 2,516         | -139       | -5.5%       |
| Dudley Road   | 3,938         | 3,737         | 201        | 5.4%        |
| Shore Road    | 2,229         | 2,880         | -651       | -22.6%      |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>11,891</b> | <b>11,411</b> | <b>480</b> | <b>4.2%</b> |

- Although the income to date shows a 4.2% increase against the 4-year average, it needs to be remembered that the Isle of Wight Council increased its charges by approximately 10% and that the Town Council reversed that increase in its four car parks.
- It is the increased level that forms the basis of the £24,900 rent due at year end.

### 3) CAR PARK PERMITS

- A total of 31 Permits have been issued in the six month period: 16 for Dudley Road, 12 for Market Street and 3 for Pound Lane.
- The income from Permits – £2,750 to date – is anticipated to cover the cost of the Business Rates due on the car parks at £4,784.

### 4) RECOMMENDATION

Members are recommended to note the contents of this Report and provide any related advice to the Town Clerk and the Public Buildings Working Group.