



CENTRAL CAR PARK

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 15/21

8 FEBRUARY 2021

The purpose of this Report is to ask the Town Council agree to order the previously discussed survey of the Central Car Park by Island Roads given that the Isle of Wight Council has agreed to provide match funding for it.

No. DETAILS

1) BACKGROUND

- a) Report 19/20 for the Town Council meeting of 9 March 2020 outlined options for the development of the Central Car Park that included the potential for expanding the number of parking bays to at least offset the loss of income from the four bays needed for the new Public Toilet and accommodate the a possible replacement of the current 12 free parking spaces on the High Street.
- b) Nick Cox provided an initial draft outline of how that might be achieved that was attached to the Report.
- c) Minute 28/20 of that meeting authorised the Clerk to secure guide prices for the redesign and open discussions with the Isle of Wight Council on the possibility.
- d) At the request of the Isle of Wight Council, a cost for the survey was requested from Island Roads and the quotation was for £2,213.
- e) In Minute 63/20 of its meeting of 15 June 2020 the Town Council resolved: *the Town Council will contribute 50% of the cost of the professional assessment by Island Roads if the Isle of Wight Council contributes the remainder.*
- f) As that request was refused by the Isle of Wight Council, no further action has been taken to date.

2) UPDATE

However, in an email of 2 November 2021 the Isle of Wight Council's Director of Regeneration Chris Ashman states:

I wanted to confirm a match £1000 contribution from our regeneration budget for the layout redesign work which will help my colleagues in Neighbourhoods consider our position regarding the rent issue regarding the four spaces. This work would also enable an estimate of the re-lining works and once that figure is known perhaps we can discuss how this might be funded?

3) RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council is recommended to accept the match funding offer of £1,000 from the Isle of Wight Council and commission the survey from Island Roads.