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## Release of Capital Programme Monies – Car Park Improvements

### PURPOSE

1. To request that the Executive approves the release of the £100,000 in the Capital Programme for Car Park Improvements 2008 – 2009.
2. To seek authority for the Head of Streetscene to tender the proposed works up to the value of £100,000.

### RECOMMENDATION

3. That the Executive releases the £100,000 set aside in the Capital Programme for car park improvements and authorises the Head of Streetscene to tender the proposed work in accordance with Standing Orders and accept the most economically advantageous tender.

### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

4. To improve the safety and amenity of town centre car parks in order to stimulate increased use and investment in the Borough.

### SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

5. This is the second year of a five-year programme to upgrade the public car parks and make them safe for use. Improvements were made last year to Victoria Car Park, Finsley Gate, Padiham Town Hall and some minor works to King Street Car Park. It is proposed to continue with the priority of improving the Town Centre pay and display car parks first.
6. The works include kerbing, surfacing, re-lighting and drainage proposals to make the following car parks fit for use:

Elizabeth Street Car Park	£20,000
Victoria Car Park	£10,000
King Street Car Park	£43,000
Standish Street Car Park	£20,000
Miscellaneous Works	£7,000

All costs include staff salaries.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION**

7. Provision has been made in the Capital Programme 2008 – 2009 for the proposed works up to the value of £100,000 including staff salaries. This allocation will be funded by borrowing on the basis that the Council's investment will be repaid within a 5-year period.
8. This will be achieved through a combination of:
  - Avoiding the potential for insurance claims for trips and slips on our car parks. Each successful claim involves a £2500 excess payment falling on the Council.
  - Reducing the need for ad hoc maintenance works on surface level car parks.
  - Making our car parks safer and more attractive will help to safeguard existing / projected income levels against competition.
  - Additional income of £18,970 in 2008/9 and £26,659 per annum from 2009 onwards (plus RPI increases of 2.5% pa), as a result of a contract with a local employer in respect of 85 spaces on the Thompson Centre car park. Over the next five years, this will total £142,131.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

9. None

## **DETAILS OF CONSULTATION**

10. Capital Programme Officer Group

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

11. Car Park Risk Assessments and Condition Surveys.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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