AGENDA ITEM No. 4

Cabinet 7 March 2017 Head of Community & Environmental Services Report No. COMM1706

KINGSMOAT CAR PARK – TEMPORARY PLANNING PERMISSION

Key Decision - No

Summary and Recommendations:

The Kingsmoat pay and display car park remains popular with shoppers, those attending both the markets and library and in particular for customers that have mobility issues.

Cabinet is recommended to approve that the Head of Community and Environmental Services applies for temporary planning permission for the Kingsmoat Car Park in Westmead Farnborough, for a further 3 years from May 2017.

1. Introduction

• This paper seeks approval to apply for temporary planning permission for the Kingsmoat Car Park in Westmead Farnborough, for a further 3 years from May 2017.

2. Background

- In December 2007, the Council granted temporary planning permission for this informal leisure land, next to the library, to be used as a public pay and display car park, offering 58 spaces. The temporary permission was given to ensure there was sufficient parking in the town, as parking on the nearby Queensmead Car Park would not have been available during the construction of the proposed new cinema complex on that site. The cinema has since been provided within the Kingsmead Shopping Centre.
- The Kings Moat Car Park has proved very popular with shoppers and visitors to the library with the temporary 3-year permissions being extended in both 2011 & 2014. The car park remains very popular particularly for customers that have mobility issues, as they do not need to cross the busy highway to gain access to the town centre.
- The three ward Councillors are supportive that we seek temporary planning permission to continue to use this car park for a further 3 years. As part of the Planning Process, there will be formal consultation with local neighbours.

3. Financial Implications

• The car park attracts 79,000 visits a year with an income after VAT of £60k. The direct operational expenditure is £8k pa.

4. Recommendation

• Cabinet to approve that the Head of Community and Environmental Services applies for temporary planning permission for the Kingsmoat Car Park in Westmead Farnborough, for a further 3 years from May 2017.

Peter Amies – Head of Community and Environmental Services

Background Documents: Previous Cabinet papers and planning applications.

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