

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>TOURISM, ECONOMY AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	10 March 2022

## CALL-IN REQUEST

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The Committee to consider the Call-in of Executive Decision PH23/2022 'Parking Fees and Services 2022/23'.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To consider the Call-in request and take action as follows:

a) refer the decision back to the Executive for reconsideration or refer the matter to full Council with, in either case, details of the Committee's concerns; or

b) take no further action on the decision (whereupon the decision will come into force and may be implemented immediately).

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure the scrutiny process continues to be fully accountable and an important part of the democratic process.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

### 4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council priority is 'The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across

Blackpool.’

## **5.0 Background Information**

5.1 The decision, attached at Appendix 2(a) (published on 1 March 2022) relates to Parking Services fees and charges for 2022/23.

5.2 The decision involved the Cabinet Member agreeing the following recommendations:

To agree the schedule of on and off street parking tariffs for each parking area as set out within the attached schedule at Appendix 2(b), subject to consultation, with effect from the 1 April 2022 to the 31 March 2023.

To agree the schedule of the business and residential permit rates as set out within the attached schedule at Appendix 2(c), subject to consultation, with effect from the 1 April 2022 to the 31 March 2023.

To agree that the fees charged can be reduced from these rates, for specific events or fixed periods of time, on the published officer decision of the Director of Communications and Regeneration, following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member.

5.3 Councillor Williams has called in the decision, the reasons for which are outlined in the call-in request document, attached at Appendix 2(d).

5.4 The options available to the Committee are outlined at paragraph 2.1. it should be noted that if the matter is referred to Council, then Council will only have the option of:

- a) Taking no further action (whereupon the decision will come into force and may be implemented immediately) or;
- b) Refer the decision back to the Executive for reconsideration (unless it is proven that the Executive acted contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework).

5.5 Particular reference should be made to the extract at Appendix 2(f) of the protocol relating to ‘Call in’.

## **6.0 Witnesses/representatives**

6.1 As requested by the Committee members, the following persons have been invited to attend the meeting to speak on the matter:

- Councillor Tony Williams

- Councillor Mark Smith, Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise and Job Creation

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

**7.0 List of Appendices:**

Appendix 2(a): Cabinet Member Decision PH23/2022

Appendix 2(b): Proposed Car Parking Fees and Charges 2022/23

Appendix 2(c): Proposed Permits Arrangements for 2022/23

Appendix 2(d): Request for Call-in of Executive decision EX29/2020

Appendix 2(e): Call-in procedure (as per the Council's Constitution).

Appendix 2(f): Protocol relating to Call-In.

**8.0 Financial considerations**

8.1 Contained within the original decision.

**9.0 Legal considerations:**

9.1 Contained within the original decision.

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 Contained within the original decision.

**11.0 Equalities considerations:**

11.1 Contained within the original decision.

**12.0 Sustainability, Climate Change and Environmental considerations:**

12.1 Contained within the original decision.

**13.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

13.1 Contained within the original decision.

**14.0 Background papers:**

14.1 Contained within the original decision.