

PROPOSED USE OF CANCER CARE UNIT IN DEPOT ROAD CAR PARK

Report of the: Head of Customer Services&Business Supt.

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Urgent Decision?(yes/no) No

If yes, reason urgent decision required:

Annexes/Appendices (attached): **Annexe 1** - The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust Mobile Chemotherapy Unit Community Site Proposal (This Annexe is not for publication by virtue of pgh. 3 of part 1 and pgh. 10 of part 2 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended))

Other available papers (not attached):

Report summary

This report presents a request from the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust for agreement to situate a mobile chemotherapy unit in Depot Road car park every Friday.

Recommendation (s)

That the Committee:

- (1) Agrees for a mobile chemotherapy unit to be sited in Depot Road car park within six parking bays to the east of the car park adjacent to the electrical sub-station.**
- (2) Agrees that the proposal is progressed on a cost neutral basis to the Council with expected parking charges and legal costs being covered by the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust.**
- (3) Agrees for the Head of Customer Services and Business Support or the Parking Manager in conjunction with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Environment Committee, to negotiate terms of the agreement.**

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1 Implications for the Council's Key Priorities, Service Plans and Sustainable Community Strategy

- 1.1 The Council is working with the Royal Marsden to enable cancer care to be carried out in a central Epsom location.
- 1.2 There may be a financial loss to the Council if a fee below the current income being generated per space in Depot Road is agreed.

2 Background

- 2.1 Epsom & Ewell Borough Council has received a request for a mobile chemotherapy unit to be situated in Depot Road car park.
- 2.2 The unit would visit Epsom for one day of each week, currently proposed to be a Friday.
- 2.3 The unit would require a space of five parking bays with an additional parking bay to accommodate the support car which transports the nursing staff and patient treatments.
- 2.4 The unit would be on site between 08:30 and 17:00, with patients attending appointments between 09:00 and 16:30.
- 2.5 The unit has its own power and water supply and a toilet which is maintained and emptied on the hospital's Sutton site.
- 2.6 Presently the unit is situated in Sutton and Croydon during the week where it sees an average of eight patients a day.
- 2.7 Representatives of the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust visited Epsom in January 2018 and decided that the eight parking bays situated in the east of the car park, adjacent to the electrical sub-station would be the most suitable location for the unit.
- 2.8 Depot Road car park has 257 car parking spaces including 5 which are allocated for use by Blue Badge Holders.
- 2.9 The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust have asked the Council to consider either waving or reducing the proposed levy to the Trust for the use of the parking area in light of the benefits to Epsom residents and the local community.
- 2.10 In June 2016 the Environment Committee agreed that that a breast screening unit could be cited in a Council car park with the intention that the Council's projected income not be reduced.

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3 Proposals

- 3.1 As a result of the approach by the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust the Council allows the chemotherapy unit to park in six of the eight bays indicated in 2.7.
- 3.2 That the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust is asked to meet legal costs for the granting of a licence fee estimated at £400, which will be a one off payment and parking charges, estimated to be a total of £2,106 per annum.
- 3.3 That the fee is paid in advance subject to the terms negotiated by the Head of Customer Services and Business Support or the Parking Manager in conjunction with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Environment Committee and confirmed in the Licence to be granted by Legal.
- 3.4 Temporary signs to be put in place to advise car park users not to park in the designated bays on a Friday.

4 Financial and Manpower Implications

- 4.1 The cost per space in Depot Road car park for the first three quarters of 2017-18 equates to almost £6.75 per day. For six bays to be reserved for 52 weeks this equates to £2,106 pa. The legal costs are estimated to be £400.
- 4.2 **Chief Finance Officer's comments:** Paragraph 4.1 confirms that the proposal is based upon achieving a cost neutral position for the Council.

5 Legal Implications (including implications for matters relating to equality)

- 5.1 There are no legal implications.
- 5.2 **Monitoring Officer's comments:** It is important that the licence agreement with the health care provider is completed prior to their occupation of the site.

6 Sustainability Policy and Community Safety Implications

- 6.1 None for the purposes of this report.

7 Partnerships

- 7.1 The Council is working together with the Royal Marsden to enable cancer care to be carried out in a central Epsom location.

8 Risk Assessment

- 8.1 The unit is large but has been trialled within the car park to ensure access can be gained if the car park is otherwise busy.

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- 8.2 An alternative location within the car park may have to be sought on occasion should a vehicle be parked within the designated bays.

9 Conclusion and Recommendations

- 9.1 The Committee is asked to agree to a mobile chemotherapy unit being sited in Depot Road car park on a Friday.
- 9.2 The Committee is asked to agree that the proposal is progressed on a cost neutral basis to the Council with expected parking charges and legal costs being covered by the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust as a licence fee.

Ward(s) affected: Town Ward;