

Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care – 7th July, 2009

Report of the Interim Director of Law and Property

Car Park Charges at Russells Hall, Corbett and The Guest Hospitals

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the decision of the Council in relation to a Notice of Motion Under Council Procedure Rule 12 considered on 27th April, 2009 regarding the level of car park charges at Russells Hall, Corbett and The Guest Hospitals.

Background

2. Members will be aware that the following Notice of Motion was approved by the Council on 27th April, 2009:-

“That this Council notes the exceptional work that the NHS undertakes in the treatment and care of people in our society who become ill and require hospital services.

That this Council further notes the level of car park charges at Russells Hall, Corbett and The Guest Hospitals which places an additional financial burden on some in our community when visiting loved ones in hospital or attending for treatment/appointments.

This Council therefore resolves to:-

- (1) Request the Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust to undertake, in conjunction with the provider, an urgent report to examine car park charges and in doing so looks at other trusts who have either reduced or removed charges for certain categories of patient/visitor.
 - (2) Request that the Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care also approach trusts who have reduced or removed car park charges, in order to learn from their experiences.”
3. On consideration of the motion, it was

RESOLVED

- (1) That Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust be requested to undertake, in conjunction with the provider, an urgent report to examine car park charges and, in doing so, looks at other trusts who have either reduced or removed charges for certain categories of patient/visitor.
 - (2) That the Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care be also requested to approach trusts who have reduced or removed car park charges, in order to learn from their experiences.
4. Part (1) of the resolution is currently being dealt with and a letter has been sent to the Chief Executive, Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, to which a response is awaited. The Select Committee is being requested to consider Resolution No (2) as detailed above.

Finance

5. The information contained in the report submitted does not have a direct impact regarding the Council's finances. Any relevant financial issues will need to be taken into account by Members in conducting the request.

Law

6. The Council may do anything which achieves the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental wellbeing of the area under section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000.

Equality Impact

8. The report has no direct implications for the Council's Equality and Diversity Policy.

Recommendation

9. That consideration be given to including the issue of car park Charges at Russells Hall, Corbett and The Guest Hospitals, as detailed above, in the Committee's Work Programme for 2009/10.



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List of Background Papers

Council Minutes – 27th April 2009