

## ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Town Centres, Economic Growth and Prosperity</b>
2.	<b>Date:</b>	<b>5 March 2012</b>
3.	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Proposed Closure of Fitzwilliam Road car park, off Rawson Road.</b>
4.	<b>Programme Area:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services</b>

### 5. Summary

This report gives details of the proposal to close the car park located on Fitzwilliam Road, off Rawson Road.

### 6. Recommendations

- a) That the car park is closed as soon as possible;
- b) That the land is declared surplus to requirements.

## **7. Details**

The temporary car parks on Fitzwilliam Road were opened in 2007 due to the loss of the large car park on St Anne's Road / Effingham Street (the site of the St Annes Leisure Centre development).

Use of the two car parks on Fitzwilliam Road, furthest from the town centre, was minimal which resulted in these car parks being closed in 2010 and 2011.

Use of the car park which is the subject of this report has decreased since the move of Rotherham MBC office staff from the town centre offices to Riverside House and now averages just 50 vehicles per week; this figure is highly likely to decrease further as more RMBC employees move into Riverside House by April 2012. The business rates for the car park cost the Council £3,200 per annum and the machine maintenance contract costs £300 per annum. The projected usage is very unlikely to generate enough income to cover these costs; accordingly, it makes financial sense to close the car park as soon as possible. The car park would then be declared surplus and returned to the Council's land bank.

The car park off York Road has capacity to accommodate the users of this car park.

## **8. Finance**

The closure would equate to a significant year on year saving for the Council and there is a possibility of raising revenue through the sale of the land.

The cost of installing the physical closure (barriers etc) of the car park can be met within the car parking budget.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

N/A

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

N/A

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

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