

		AGENDA ITEM 6
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Committee:	Place Services and Economic Growth Policy & Scrutiny Committee	
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Country Parks Car Park Charging Task and Finish Group: Portfolio Holder response to Recommendations and Actions		
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1. *With the exception of the anomaly of a £2 increase at Great Notley Country Park the other increases should be put to the public as part of the consultation.*

On reflection of the Task & Finish Group's recommendation and to bring it further in line with other parks and attractions, we will be lowering the over 3 hour charge to £6.50. This lower charge will also be reflected in the additional option to bring the pricing in line with Great Notley at any sites where ANPR is subsequently introduced.

2. *The use of ANPR should be encouraged across all Country Parks. The Task and Finish Group recognised the initial outlay costs.*

We appreciate the Task & Finish Group's positive view on the use of pay on exit systems, but due to the variance in site access and layout of each country park, it is not possible for ANPR to be implemented at all of the sites. The team has already been exploring installing ANPR at Cudmore Grove and Belhus as they are suitable locations for this type of system and will be looking to investigate this further in 18/19 as part of the wider long-term strategic vision for the parks.

3. *Country Park car park enforcers should be supplied with video cameras.*

Thank you for the recommendation and we will be exploring issuing these.

4. *The concessions policy should be reviewed.*

It should be noted that the concessions policy only relates to season tickets for over 60s and blue badge holders. If tickets are purchased ad hoc they will pay full price. We will be reviewing season ticket prices mid-year as they have not increased since 2011/12 and plan to review the policy at the same time.

5. *The consultation document should include detail of all the available attractions at each Country Park.*

The consultation posters will be tailored to include information on the attractions available at each site.

The notes of the Task and Finish Group are attached as an appendix to this report.