

# **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**25<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

## **UPDATE AND INFORMATION**

### **Youth Project**

It was agreed by this Committee in March 2022 to fund some detached youth work in the town to help support young people. Sadly, a suitable partner is still being sought to deliver this. It was hoped this service would have been up and running by now. Recruitment for youth work is extremely challenging at the moment but the Town Clerk will continue to work with VOYC to find a suitable partner and deliver this agreed work as soon as possible.

### **Erme Court Car Park**

The managing agents of Erme Court are proposing to replace the current parking operators, UKPC with a new company, PCM. They have said they would be introducing ANPR cameras (number plate recognition), reducing the free stay from 2 hours to 1 hour, and applying the parking charges and limits 24 hours a day, seven days a week – currently only 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturday. This has been proposed without full consultation with leaseholders, the Council being two of them – the Town Hall and The Watermark. The Town Clerk and others have now approached the managing agents and landlord to discuss the proposals with a view to maintaining the current parking arrangements even with a new company.

### **Support for Ukrainians**

The free English language lessons for Ukrainian guests staying in and around Ivybridge have been continuing and well attended. As well as other events, the free room use at the Town Hall has provided space for these to happen. The Town Hall team have also been printing materials for use during the lessons. The voluntary group have applied to Devon County Council for a grant to support the teachers expenses. This will be paid to the Town Council as it has to be paid to an official organisation. The Town Clerk and Senior Finance Officer will work with the voluntary group to ensure this grant money is paid out as expenses to volunteers in an appropriate manner.

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Town Clerk