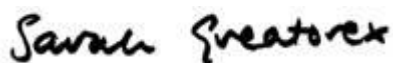


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Car Parks – county court claims

Currently HTC has each year approximately 50 penalty charge notices which remain unpaid. Some of these are repeat offenders who may have several penalty charge notices, all of which remain unpaid. Staff believe that the rate of payment generally would improve if an example was made of one or two recalcitrant offenders. With many such cases our pursuit of the offender stops at the point where the fine remains unpaid, even when we have used no-win, no-fee debt collectors, who have been unable to trace offenders. There are also some offenders from whom we cannot collect money, without going to court. It is however possible to take such cases to the County Court. This can be done online, with a fee of £25, which would be added to the outstanding £60, plus interest for the delay in payment. If for any reason payment is not received after this process, HTC would lose the £25. To assess whether this process is worthwhile, there is a need to carry out a few test cases.

Recommendation: that HTC agrees to pursue a maximum of 4 outstanding penalty parking fees through the courts.



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Town Clerk