

CABINET (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF HEAD OF ACCESS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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RECENT REFERENCES:

None.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report presents proposals for consideration of the issue of discounted season tickets for residents who would qualify for a valid Winchester City residents' parking permit to park within pay and display car parks, on condition of certain criteria being satisfied.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1      That discounted season tickets be made available to residents who would qualify for a Winchester City residents' parking permit, at a discounted rate of 30% of the normal annual price to park within pay and display car parks, on condition of certain criteria being satisfied.
- 2      That conditions apply that the season ticket displays the vehicle registration number and a valid proof of a vehicle being registered to the address of the applicant is supplied by way of documentation to be identified by Parking Services.
- 3      That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to amend the Parking Places Orders accordingly.
- 4      That the scheme be reviewed after 12 months.

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#### DETAIL:

- 1       Complaints have been received by the Head of Access and Infrastructure that in some instances, difficulties arise for residents in parking in some areas of the Town. In such instances, residents would like to park in a nearby off-street car park and as such have requested that discounted season tickets be made available for this purpose.
- 1.1     Most surface car parks have surplus capacity especially in the evening and therefore full utilisation of this asset is not being made use of.
- 1.2     It would be difficult to incorporate such a discount scheme within Multi-Story Car Parks due to the risk of fraudulent use of passes, the most practical method of incorporating such a scheme would be to allow discounted season tickets to apply only in pay and display car parks where a permit can be displayed.
- 1.3     Issuing a pass incorporates a risk of passes being sold on for profit and therefore resulting in a loss of Council revenue, a permit which displays a registration number eliminates this risk; the applicant would be required to supply vehicle documentation tying a vehicle to an address.
- 1.4     The concession on season tickets will be limited to residents who are entitled to hold a residents permit but it is suggested that the scheme is reviewed after 12 months to see if this has presented any issues.
- 1.5     Currently holders of Inner City resident permits have a concession to park free of charge on Saturdays in:

Cattle Market  
Chesil Surface  
Coach park  
Durngate  
Friarsgate MSCP  
Gladstone Street  
St Peters  
& Worthy Lane car parks.

This concession does not apply to Visitors permits

## 2 Costs

2.1 Season tickets are available in certain car park on a quarterly or annual basis.

2.2 The season ticket costs are:

Band B – Tower, Gladstone Street, St Peters Street - £1190 annual and £325 quarterly

Band D – Chesil Street Surface, Durngate, Worthy Lane, Coach Park - £790 annual and £215 quarterly

2.3 To save on administration aspects discounts would only be given for annual season tickets.

2.4 Suggested discount rate of 30%.

Season Ticket Group	Current Annual Cost	Discount of 30%	Discounted Cost of Season Ticket
B	£1190	£357	£833
D	£790	£237	£553

2.5 It is suggested that this option will only be available for Winchester City residents' permit holders.

2.6 The season ticket would not be replaced free of charge if stolen unless a police crime number was produced.

2.7 An administration charge of £20 would be payable if a change of vehicle was required.

2.8 Lost season tickets would not be replaced and a £50 charge would be payable for a replacement.

2.9 If any fraudulent activity were found to be taking place then the option would be withdrawn from the individual.

## 3 Conclusion:

3.1 Following research carried out by officers, it was found that some other local authorities in the South do offer discounts for residents and it is therefore felt that such a scheme should be introduced in relation to the Winchester City residents parking scheme. Some of the possible implications of the scheme may not have been foreseen so it is suggested that the scheme be reviewed after 12 months,

- 3.2 Implementing this policy may result in more efficient use of Council's car parking resource in the evenings.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

4 CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

- 4.1 These proposals contribute towards promoting a High Quality Environment.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The suggested changes can be accommodated within existing staff resources.
- 5.2 Currently only a small number of residents have purchased season tickets so impact on income will be low, however if additional residents take up this option, any income deficit will be balanced out by additional uptake.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None.

APPENDICES:

None.