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CABINET (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) COMMITTEE

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CONSIDERATION OF RESIDENTS' SEASON TICKET HOLDERS' DISCOUNT

REPORT OF HEAD OF ACCESS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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RECENT REFERENCES:

CAB 1749(TP) - Consideration of Residents' Season Ticket Holders Discount - 17 November 2008

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report presents revised proposals (following a report on this matter on 17 November 2008) for further consideration of the issue of discounted season tickets for residents who would qualify for a valid Winchester City residents parking permit.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 That discounted season tickets be made available to residents of Chesil Street for use in Chesil Street Multi-Storey car park 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 the usual criteria for issue of a residents permit being satisfied.
- 2 That conditions apply that 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 Order accordingly.
- 4 That the scheme be reviewed after 12 months.

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#### DETAIL:

##### 1      Introduction

- 1.1      Following complaints received by the Head of Access and Infrastructure that in some instances, difficulties arise for residents in parking in some areas of the Town, a proposal was agreed at Parking and Traffic Committee on 17 November 2008 which introduced discounted season tickets for residents who qualify for residents on-street parking permits.
- 1.2      This was a reflection of the fact that most surface car parks have surplus capacity especially in the evening and therefore full utilisation of this asset was not being made use of.
- 1.3      It was felt that 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.

##### 2      Review of Discount Scheme – Chesil Street Car Parks

- 2.1      Since the last Parking and Traffic Committee, where it was agreed that qualifying residents should be permitted to purchase discounted season tickets in pay and display car parks, it has been identified that a problem does exist relating to residents of Chesil Street who live near to Chesil Street surface car park. Chesil Street, being a major route in and out of the City, has no on-street parking places and residents find it difficult to park within the Chesil Street Surface car park as it is full throughout the day. As such, allowing qualifying residents to purchase discounted season tickets in this car park will not help them to any great extent.
- 2.2      It is therefore proposed that qualifying residents of Chesil Street shall be permitted to make an application for a discounted season card for use within the Chesil multi storey car park. The Chesil multi storey car park is currently under-used and has daily spare capacity. The discounted season card would be at a rate of 30% of the normal annual parking price.

- 2.3 Although there is a risk of fraudulent use of discounted season cards by non bona-fide residents, monitoring of the use of cards can take place and if mis-use is suspected or confirmed, action such as withdrawal of the season card can be taken.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 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

### 3 Proposed Charges

- 3.1 Season tickets are available in certain car parks on a quarterly or annual basis.
- 3.2 The season ticket costs are (prior to review by Cabinet 4 February 2009, CAB 1796 refers):

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. Chesil Street Multi-storey Car park (for residents of Chesil Street only) \*

\* as proposed in this report

- 3.3 To save on administration, discounts would only be given for annual season tickets. The following table shows the charges allowing the suggested discount rate of 30% (prior to review by Cabinet on 4 February 2009, CAB1796 refers).

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

- 3.4 It is suggested that this option will only be available for Winchester City residents' permit holders.
- 3.5 The season ticket would not be replaced free of charge if stolen unless a police crime number was produced.
- 3.6 An administration charge of £20 would be payable if a change of vehicle was required.
- 3.7 Lost season tickets would not be replaced and a £50 charge would be payable for a replacement.
- 3.8 If any fraudulent activity were found to be taking place then the option would be withdrawn from the individual.

#### 4 Conclusion

- 4.1 As previously set out in report CAB (TP) 1749, 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. This report suggests a small amendment to the agreed scheme to deal with a particular issue identified in respect of Chesil Street residents since that report. As before, as some of the possible implications of the scheme may not have been foreseen, it is suggested that the scheme be reviewed after 12 months.
- 4.2 Implementing this policy may result in more efficient use of Council's car parking resource in the evenings.

#### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

#### 5 CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

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

6     RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1    The suggested changes can be accommodated within existing staff resources. The impact on income is difficult to ascertain but likely to be small.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None.

APPENDICES:

None.