

DECISION TAKER: Councillor Kelsie Learney, Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency

REPORT TITLE: WINCHESTER RESIDENTS OFF-STREET PARKING SEASON TICKETS AND EVENING PARKING CHARGE RATE

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WARD(S): TOWN WARDS

DECISION:

1. That all tariffs be reviewed on a regular annual basis to ensure that they support the objectives of the parking and access strategy.
2. That an overnight charge equivalent to the 2 hour daily parking rate be introduced for parking after 7pm, and prior to 8am in central car parks only, from July 2023.
3. That an off peak season ticket in the park and walk car parks be introduced from October 2023.
4. That concessions to residents continue for existing resident parking permit holders until their City Council permits expire and be reviewed in the light of County Council decisions on the operation of their on-street scheme.
5. That the city council continues working with the County Council to achieve a coherent system of parking tariffs and concessions supporting the needs of residents, people who work in the city and visitors with transitional arrangements in place in the interim.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Winchester Parking and Access strategy aims to address issues around access and mobility for all, enhancing air quality in Winchester, helping to deliver the Carbon Neutrality Plan and Winchester Movement Strategy objectives and to ensure fairness and equity for residents, visitors and businesses.

Charging is an important mechanism to achieving those ends and this report recommends tariff changes which support the Council's overarching priority - a continued reduction in carbon emissions, through reducing city centre traffic and

supporting healthier lifestyle choices – especially walking and cycling, while protecting sustainable growth.

It also identifies the need to review tariffs and parking concessions on an annual basis in the light of the County Council decision to take back control of on-street parking in October 2023.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

1. The price for the tariff options has been proposed matching the level offered by other tariffs and similar season tickets. These levels have been recommended to match other tariffs, rather than seeking to generate additional income, or providing parking at a discount.
2. The move to 24 hour charging in car parks is an option which other authorities have gone for, however this has the potential to reduce visitors to Winchester so has not been recommended before the impact of evening charges is assessed.
3. A flexible park and walk season ticket to support hybrid working models could be introduced in park and walk car parks, at the same level of charge as equivalent parking which is not offered on a flexible basis, however there is a risk that this could lead to lost income if significant numbers of people take advantage of it, so hasn't been included as a recommended option, but is worthy of further review.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE:

None

APPROVED BY:

Kelsie Learney

DATE: 05.06.2023

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APPENDICES:

Appendix 1
Appendix 2

Current concession options
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) for car park charges