

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

REPORT TITLE: CAR PARKING – EVENING AND OVERNIGHT CHARGES

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WARD(S): TOWN WARDS

DECISION:

1. That the introduction of an additional parking tariff for up to 1 hour between 7pm and 8am to be charged in line with the daytime rate (currently £1.80) be agreed in the zone 1 central car parks.
2. That a virtual volunteer parking permit system as set out in paragraphs 11.2 and 11.3 of report [DD72](#) be agreed for organisations that rely on volunteers to provide services to the community within the city centre.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Winchester Parking and Access strategy aims to:

- Manage parking through charging to ensure efficient parking and traffic management
- Use parking assets to the best advantage through pricing, promotion and information
- Maintain investment in parking and traffic management in order to support an efficient, effective and modern service
- Actively promote alternatives to driving into the centre – such as cycling, walking and bus services.

Charging is an important mechanism to achieving those ends – encouraging a continued reduction in carbon emissions through reducing city centre traffic and supporting healthier lifestyle choices – especially walking and cycling, while protecting sustainable growth.

To support these aims, overnight charging was part of a number of tariff changes introduced within the zone 1 city centre car parks in July 2023. This report

summarises the results of targeted engagement undertaken to fine tune the charging options available to better support specific businesses and voluntary organisations in the city centre while still ensuring the overall purposes outlined above are achieved.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The removal of any evening charge, or the extension of daytime charging further into the evening was considered and rejected as this would not align with the council's desire to maintain accessibility into the city centre, whilst reducing emissions and improve air quality within the city centre nor would it meet policy objectives.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE:

None.

APPROVED BY: Kelsie Learney

DATE: 09.10.2023

**Councillor Kelsie Learney – Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency**

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Parking charges consultation results