

Recommendations from the Street Scene & Environment Advisory Board

30th October 2019

It is **RECOMMENDED TO CABINET** that it **APPROVE** the following proposals with effect from 1st April 2020;

- 1) Introduce the schedule of charges for short and long stay parking in Tonbridge shown in Table 1;
- 2) Revise the parking arrangements at Tonbridge Castle to maximise public use whilst still retaining appropriate parking arrangements for staff;
- 3) Adopt the schedules of Peak and Off-Peak Season ticket charges in Tonbridge shown in Tables 2 and 3;
- 4) Increase Ryarsh Lane annual season ticket charges to £255;
- 5) Introduce the schedules of charges for short stay parking in West Malling shown in Table 5;
- 6) Introduce the schedule of charges for Blue Bell Hill car park shown in Table 6;
- 7) Introduce the schedule of charges for parking in Borough Green Western Road car park shown in Table 7;
- 8) Increase Residents Permits to £45 per year, and introduce a rising scale of charges for those parking more than 2 cars in the road;
- 9) Introduce the schedule of charges for Business Permits and Dispensations shown in Table 8;

- 11) Visitor permits be retained at £12 for a book of 10 permits, with the current offer of 10 free permits to new applicants retained;
- 12) Introduce the schedule of charges for Haysden and Leybourne Lakes Country Parks shown in Table 9;
- 13) Introduce the schedule of charges for on-street pay & display parking in Tonbridge shown in Table 10, and incorporate the existing parking bays in the northern end of the High Street and Lyons Crescent; and
- 14) Parking charges on Sundays and Bank Holidays remain free of charge.

It is further **RECOMMENDED TO CABINET** that:-

- 1) Car parking charges be introduced to the Council's existing car parks in Aylesford, Martin Square Larkfield and Snodland from 1st October 2020 as outlined in the report, and a period of formal consultation be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Statutory Regulations;
- 2) A Capital Plan evaluation be undertaken for consideration at the Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board for the provision of new parking machines, CCTV (subject to the outcome of Overview & Scrutiny Committee), signage and improvements in Aylesford, Martin Square Larkfield and Snodland car parks, Tonbridge Castle Grounds and on street parking bays in Tonbridge High Street and Lyons Crescent;
- 3) A report be presented to a future meeting of the Board on initiatives to support the priorities outlined in the Council's Digital Strategy;
- 4) The Parking Service back office administration system be upgraded with the existing suppliers;
- 5) Parking initiatives to support the Council's commitment to a sustainable low-carbon future be incorporated in the emerging Climate Change Strategy, with a report on the introduction of electric car charging points across the Council's car parks being considered at a future meeting of this Board;
- 6) The parking concessions for the Blood Transfusion Services and Breast Screening Unit outlined in the report be approved;

- 7) The option of offering financial concessions on Residents Parking Permits for owners of electric/hybrid cars be considered within the context of the Council's Climate Change Strategy;
- 8) Parking demand in Tonbridge be investigated as part of a future review of assets in Tonbridge Town Centre.