

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

17 March 2020

Report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure & Technical Services and the Director of Finance & Transformation

Part 1- Public

Executive Key Decisions

1 REVIEW OF CAR PARKING FEES & CHARGES

Summary

This report seeks Cabinet approval of recommendations for off-street car parking charges recently considered at the meeting of the Street Scene & Environment Advisory Board on 5th March 2020. The recommendations generate additional income which have an impact on the MTFS.

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 The Street Scene & Environment Advisory Board on 5th March 2002 will meet to consider objections and comments received during the statutory consultation period relating to existing off-street car parking charges. The car parks included in the report are those in Tonbridge, West Malling, Borough Green, Blue Bell Hill and the Council's two Country Parks.
- 1.1.2 Subject to any Member amendments at the meeting of the Advisory Board the recommendations are attached at **Annex 1** to this report.
- 1.1.3 The car parking charges for Aylesford and Martin Square, Larkfield are not included in the recommendations to this report, as the outcome of the first stage of consultation for these locations will be reported to the Street Scene & Environment Advisory Board in June 2020.

1.2 Legal Implications

- 1.2.1 At an Extraordinary meeting of Cabinet on 6th January 2020 it was agreed that the proposed charges would be approved for consultation in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions. To enable the charges to be introduced a new off-street Traffic Regulation Order is required.

- 1.2.2 Where there is a statutory process a local authority should comply with the process as laid out. In the case of the proposed car parking charges this is under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, following the procedure set out in the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England & Wales) Regulations 1996. Regulation 8 of the 1996 Regulations requires a 21 day consultation period.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.3.1 The proposed charges were reviewed within the context of a set of guiding principles, the cost of the parking service to the Council and ongoing investment in the parking management service. The projected increased income from the recommended charges have already been included in the Estimates for 2020/21.

1.4 Risk Assessment

- 1.4.1 The estimated additional income outlined in the report to the October 2019 meeting of the Street Scene & Environment Advisory Board was modelled on the basis that future parking patterns and demand match current activity. It does not reflect any potential adverse customer reaction or the possibility of increased take up of the dual ticketing arrangement in Angel and Botany car parks.

1.5 Equality Impact Assessment

- 1.5.1 The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.
- 1.5.2 Blue Badge holders can park free of charge in the Council's car parks for up to 23 hours. The Blue Badge scheme has recently been extended by Central Government to include people with "hidden disabilities". This includes people with learning disabilities, autism and mental health conditions.

1.6 Policy Considerations

- 1.6.1 Asset Management
- 1.6.2 Community
- 1.6.3 Customer Contact

1.7 Recommendations

- 1.7.1 It is **RECOMMENDED** that subject to any Member amendments at the Street Scene & Environment Advisory Board on 5th March 2020, the recommendations to Cabinet attached at **Annex 1** to this report be approved, with the proposed car parking charges coming into effect on 5th April 2020.

Background papers:

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Nil

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