

# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

## CABINET

17 March 2020

### Report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure & Technical Services

#### Part 1- Public

#### Executive Key Decisions

#### 1 ON STREET PARKING FEES AND CHARGES

##### Summary

**This report seeks Cabinet approval of recommendations for On Street Parking Fees & Charges considered at the meeting of the Joint Transportation Board on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The recommendations generate additional income and therefore have an impact on the MTFs.**

#### 1.1 Background

1.1.1 The Joint Transportation Board will meet on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to consider the proposed statutory consultation on on-street fees and charges.

1.1.2 Subject to any Member amendments at the meeting of the Joint Transportation Board the proposed recommendations are attached at **Annex 1** to this report.

#### 1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 At the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 meeting of the Council's Cabinet the proposed on street charges were approved for consultation, setting in-train the processes for the making of appropriate Traffic Regulation Orders.

1.2.2 The Borough Council carries out parking enforcement under an Agency agreement with Kent County Council by way of a Traffic Regulation Order, under the terms of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (and its amendments), the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Management Act 2004.

1.2.3 The statutory process for making a Traffic Regulation Order requires that the Council undertakes a formal consultation on the proposed changes, and is described in the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedures)(England and Wales) 1996.

1.2.4 The agreed forum for the promotion of a new on-street Traffic Regulation Order and the consideration of any objections is the Joint Transportation Board.

### **1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

- 1.3.1 The review of the on-street car parking fees and charges was progressed 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. Details were reported to the September 2019 meeting of the Street Scene & Environment Advisory Board.

### **1.4 Risk Assessment**

- 1.4.1 None.

### **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. For Blue Badge holders living in a parking permit area, a Resident Parking Permit is not required as long as the valid Blue Badge and clock is correctly displayed. 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 Communications
- 1.6.3 Community
- 1.6.4 Customer Contact

### **1.7 Recommendations**

- 1.7.1 It is **RECOMMENDED** that subject to any Member amendments at the Joint Transportation Board, the recommendations for Cabinet attached at Annex 1 to this report be approved.

Background papers:

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Nil

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