

AREA 8 COMMITTEE – 16 SEPTEMBER 2015

Title of paper:	Review of Car Parking Arrangements at the Victoria Embankment and Meadows Recreation Ground	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	Cllr McDonald, 24 July 2015	
Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
Cutting unemployment by a quarter		<input type="checkbox"/>
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ensure more school leavers get a job, training or further education than any other City		<input type="checkbox"/>
Your neighbourhood as clean as the City Centre		<input type="checkbox"/>
Help keep your energy bills down		<input type="checkbox"/>
Good access to public transport		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham has a good mix of housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham is a good place to do business, invest and create jobs		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham offers a wide range of leisure activities, parks and sporting events		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Support early intervention activities		<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver effective value for money services to our citizens		<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
Introduction of parking charges at the Victoria Embankment and Meadows Recreation Ground in Bridge Ward.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	To note the decision of the Corporate Director for Communities in Delegated Decision 2092 in exercise of his executive power on behalf of the Committee.	
2	To note the steps that have been taken since the above approval toward the implementation of the decision.	

1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The formal reporting to Area Committee of the exercise by the Corporate Director for Communities of Area Committee executive power is required under the Council's Constitution.

2. BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 On 24 July 2015 Councillor McDonald, Portfolio Holder for Jobs, Growth and Transport authorised the making of an off street parking order in relation to areas of the Victoria Embankment and the Meadows Recreation Ground, under Delegated Decision 2092 (a copy of which is attached to this report). By the same decision, Councillor McDonald also authorised the annual review of levels of charges for parking in those areas.
- 2.2 Under Delegation 82(b) of the Constitution, executive decisions can be made between scheduled committee meetings by specified officers in consultation with the relevant Area Committee Chair, provided that these decisions are consistent with the Area Committee Terms of Reference. Any such decisions must be reported for information to the next available meeting of the relevant Area Committee.
- 2.3 On 15 July 2015 the Corporate Director for Communities in exercise of Area Committee executive power detailed at paragraph 2.2 above approved the making of the off street parking order, under the same Delegated Decision 2092.
- 2.4 The proposed parking order is currently subject to consultation with a large number of individuals and bodies including statutory consultees (emergency services and road haulage etc.) and affected parties. In relation to the latter, the Council has also sent out 750 letters with plans to local households and has had a number of responses and comments. This informal consultation began on 6 August 2015 and will end on 21 October 2015. Changes may be made to the proposed order during the consultation stage which would be carried through to subsequent stages in the order making process, where those changes would reduce the impact of the order compared with that originally proposed.
- 2.5 Towards the end of the consultation period, the proposal will be published in local newspapers and notices will be erected on site. This will inform users of the proposals and give them the opportunity to inspect the proposed order (online, at Central Library and at Loxley House) and raise any concerns, comments or objections that they may have. This forms part of the formal objection period required by statute, and it is proposed that this will be undertaken from 24 September 2015 to 21 October 2015.
- 2.6 At the expiry of both consultation and the objection periods, any comments or objections will be responded to in a bid to clarify and hopefully address any concerns. In the event that any objections have not been withdrawn and remain outstanding, the officer will produce an objection report with officer's observations for the Portfolio Holder Councillor McDonald to consider.
- 2.7 It is open to individuals to submit comments during the consultation period up to 21 October 2015 and, once the order is made, to submit objections during the formal objection period.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 None

4. FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 The approved delegated decision 2092 to create an Off-Street Car Parking Order will enable the City Council to charge for car parking. This will enable the department to meet the financial obligation as set out in the "invest to grow" strategic choice in the 2015-16 MTFP and along with its costs as agreed in the Delegated Decision 1363. Steve Ross, Finance Analyst 18 August, 2015

5. LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 The reporting for information of the executive decision made by the Corporate Director for Communities in July 2015 contained in DD 2092 to this meeting of the Area Committee is in accordance with Delegation 82(b) of the Council's Constitution.
- 5.2 The procedure for the making of an off street parking order, including publicity and arrangements for the receipt of objections, is governed by regulations. Judith Irwin, Senior Solicitor 25 August 2015

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 An EIA has been completed and is attached. Due regard has been given to the equality implications identified in the EIA.

7. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

- 7.1 None.

8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 8.1 Portfolio Holder decision 9092 - Review of Car Parking Arrangements at the Victoria Embankment and Meadows Recreation Ground.