

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

On-Street Parking Review 2017 - Sunday Parking

Total Value:

Exempt (Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

- 1) To approve the proposed package of tariff changes outlined in the exempt appendix;
- 2) To authorise the Corporate Director of Commercial and Operations to implement the proposals, subject to required order amendments and changes.

Reasons for the Decision(s)

Parking Services has focussed on managing the highway needs with flexible, high quality customer products which meet the on-going market demands for parking within the City Centre.

On-Street parking on Sundays is performing well but is now reaching maximum occupancy at certain times and in certain zones where the demand exceeds supply. It is therefore appropriate that the City Council reviews the current tariffs to manage this demand and remain fit for purpose.

Parking Services are responsible for the management and maintenance of both off-street and on-street parking facilities and undertakes regular reviews to ensure it continues to provide a fit for purpose service, which accommodates the needs of local businesses and the economic growth of the city. It also has an important function in helping to ensure traffic flows freely through the city, reducing congestion and pollution levels.

Parking Services also focuses on the need to review its parking use with demand to ensure it continues to accommodate the needs of local businesses and the economic growth of the city. Therefore, the aim is to maintain occupancy levels while increasing the turnover rate of parking spaces within the City to ensure that, in particular, retail and leisure businesses have sufficient available parking spaces close to their facilities to attract customers who drive in for that specific reason. We also need to consider that drivers 'cruising' for a suitable vacant space are increasing congestion and adding to pollution levels. Parking Services can help control this best by ensuring parking prices reflect demand.

We must also integrate with the Council's plans and policies for sustainable transport in Nottingham; giving people the choice for how they travel to and from the City Centre whilst at the same time helping Nottingham meet key economic and environmental challenges. The cost, quality and availability of parking therefore forms a key part of the comprehensive travel options available to citizens and visitors of Nottingham.

Sunday is the second busiest day of the week and accounts for 15% of all on-street transactions and is now seen by many as another main shopping day and therefore Nottingham needs to ensure that parking prices are used to manage the capacity of a limited resource. Currently demand exceeds supply on Sundays due to the low price of parking on-street compared to off-street charges or sustainable public transport ticket prices. Many retail workers also use on-street parking bays for a cheap commuter parking alternative but instead they should be encouraged on to public transport by using price to dissuade them from parking on-street all day. This will then create more capacity for retail and leisure customers throughout the day and ensure on-street parking continues to provide a viable short to medium term parking option.

Other Options Considered:

Do nothing: This option has been discounted for the following reason:
 Every year, Parking Services reviews its tariffs and occupancy levels. The changes proposed within this document ensure that on-street parking continues to manage the traffic and highway needs, is fully utilized and continues to encourage growth in the local economy.

Background Papers:

None

Published Works:

None

Affected Wards:	Citywide
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None
Any Information Exempt from publication:	Yes
Exempt Information:	
Description of what is exempt:	<p>Proposed tariff changes are exempt from publication.</p> <p>Finance advice is exempt from publication.</p> <p>An appendix (or appendices) to this decision is exempt from publication under the following paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972</p>
3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).	<p>The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because this could disadvantage Nottingham City Council against other competitors.</p>
Documents exempt from publication:	170208-v0.4- Sunday Tariff Appendix-HTO-C7D.docx, Finance Comments - On-Street Parking Review 2017-18 - Sunday Parking.docx
Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	None
Equality:	Please login to the system to view the EIA document: 161214-v0.1-On Street EIA-HTO-C7D.docx
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes

Call In Expiry date: 16/02/2017

Advice Sought: Legal, Finance, Equality and Diversity

Legal Advice: Section 45 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 allows a local traffic authority to designate parking places on the highway by order and may make charges for and issue permits for their use. Charges imposed for use of designated parking places on the highway can be varied by notice given under section 46A of that Act.

Case law has confirmed that the Traffic Regulation Act 1984 cannot be used to raise revenue, but that charges can be set to reflect the costs of administering the schemes and the authority's parking policies. The Local Authorities (Transport Charges) Regulations 1998 require that whilst the charge is at an authority's discretion, it must have regard to the cost of dealing with the matters in question.

If approved the changes to the charges must be publicised in accordance with the legislative requirements.

Advice provided by Tamazin Wilson (Solicitor) on 20/01/2017.

Finance Advice: This advice is exempt from publication and is contained within an exempt appendix

Advice provided by Philip Gretton (Finance Analyst) on 13/01/2017.

Equality and Diversity Advice: Methodologies by which equality information will be gathered as expressed in the EIA will need to be robust and consistent in order to ensure that the stated benefits are fully realised. Periodic consultation with groups such as the Disability Involvement Group will be important.

Advice provided by Adisa Djan (Equalities and Diversity Consultant) on 10/01/2017.

Signatures

Nick McDonald (PH for Business, Growth and Transport)

SIGNED and Dated: 08/02/2017

Andrew Vaughan (Corporate Director Commercial and Operations)

SIGNED and Dated: 08/02/2017