Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision

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Subject:	**On-Street Parking Review 2017 - Zones**
Total Value:	**Exempt (Type: Revenue)**
Decision Being Taken:	**1) To approve the proposed package of 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 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 zones to ensure they cater for demand and remain fit for purpose.

Parking Services 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 facilities reflect demand.

Parking bays in the City Centre are used to manage the flow of traffic within Nottingham. The demand for on-street parking has grown over the last five years while the supply of bays has reduced as a result of a number of pedestrianisation and redevelopment schemes and this places an increased pressure on supply and demand. We now need to adjust the zone structures to create the required capacity to cater for this demand. By converting some of the existing bays up into the next zone we would expect an increase in the turnover of vehicles so that commuter and long term customers will move to car parks or public transport in order to create more space for short stay retail and leisure customers close to their required destinations.

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.

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 ensures that on-street parking continues to manage the traffic and highway needs, is fully utilised and continues to encourage growth in the local economy.

Background Papers:

Published Works:

Affected Wards:

Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests:	
Any Information Exempt from publication:	**Yes**
Exempt Information:	
Description of what is exempt:	**Proposed tariff changes are exempt from publication.** **Finance advice is exempt from publication.**
	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
3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).	**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.**
Documents exempt from publication:	**Finance Comments - On-Street Parking Review 2017-18 - Zones.docx, 170106-v0.3-Zone Changes Appendix-HTO-C7E.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-C7E.docx**
Decision Type:	**Portfolio Holder**
Subject to Call In:	**Yes**

Call In Expiry date:	**21/02/2017**
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 can be varied by notice given under section 46A of the Act. However, the changes proposed would need to be made by order.** **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. A local transport authority may also provide for exceptions and exemptions to restrictions contained in a traffic regulation order and, pursuant to the Local Authorities (Transport Charges) Regulations 1998, may charge for considering an application for an associated permit. The Regulations 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 will need to be made by traffic regulation order which must be made and 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 16/01/2017.**
Equality and Diversity Advice:	**Equality data capture remains an important tool to ensure that any activity does not adversely impact on any vulnerable protected group.** **Advice provided by Adisa Djan (Equalities and Diversity Consultant) on 18/01/2017.**
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