

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

On-street Evening Tariff Changes

Total Value:

£70,000 (Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

Subject to public consultation and full Council approval of the Medium Term Financial Plan (Budget) for 2018/19-2020/21 when it meets on 5 March 2018:

- 1.To approve the proposed increased charge for evening parking from £1 to £2 for zones 1 and 2 as indicated on the list attached as Appendix 1 during 6pm - 8pm Monday to Sunday (Including Bank Holidays).
- 2.To authorise the Corporate Director for Commercial and Operations to implement the increased charges in accordance with the legislative requirements.

Reasons for the Decision(s) Around 190,000 people park in the evening in an on-street parking bay every year. These individuals provide an essential income for Nottingham's night-time economy but it is the Council's responsibility to ensure that evening parking does not prevent customers coming in to the City. Currently the difficulty finding a space on street, near to an individual's destination can result in customers staying outside of the City for dinner or evening entertainment.

Parking Services are also conscious of the aim of promoting sustainable transport where possible. The cheapest evening price on a bus or tram is currently £2; it would therefore be reasonable that the price on street is based on the standard daytime tariff up to a maximum of £2.

The benefits of this approach would be fewer emissions from those "cruising" for a space, less congestion, consistent pricing structure to night-time public transport, and greater take-up of sustainable transport methods.

It should be noted that the Council is currently out to public consultation on the Medium Term Financial Plan (budget) for 2018/19 - 2020/21. The decision is therefore subject to the outcome of that consultation and the subsequent approval by full Council of the budget when it meets on 5 March 2018. If substantive issues are raised as part of the consultation exercise, or approval by Council is not forthcoming, any proposed change to the existing charge for evening parking for zones 1 and 2 will be the subject of a future decision or decisions.

Briefing notes documents: Appendix 1.docx

Other Options Considered: Do nothing: This option has been discounted for the following reason:
Every year, parking services reviews it tariffs and occupany 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:

The implications of the proposals

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 it could prejudice the commercial viability of the proposals

Documents exempt from publication:

170929-v0.1-NS Budget Template Districts-MJR-E8.docx

Consultations:

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

N/A

Equality:

Please login to the system to view the EIA document: EIA - On-Street Parking V1.doc

Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

Yes

Call In Expiry date:

07/02/2018

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Equality and Diversity

Legal Advice:

Section 45 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 allow a local traffic authority to designate parking places on the highway by order and may make charges for an 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 Road 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.

Subject to the outcome of the budget consultation and if the budget is subsequently approved, any decision to change the charges for parking places must be publicised in accordance with the legislative requirements.

Advice provided by Tamazin Wilson (Solicitor) on 01/12/2017.

Finance Advice:

Please see attachment for financial information. Advice provided by Claire Wright (Business Partner) on 14/12/2017.

Advice documents: Evening On Street Parking DDM Comments.docx

Equality and Diversity Advice:

It will be important that monitoring and providing adequate and accessible information that alerts citizens to changes is done as a matter of routine Advice provided by Adisa Djan (Equalities and Diversity Consultant) on 20/12/2017.

Signatures

Sally Longford (PH for Neighbourhood Services & Local Transport)

SIGNED and Dated: 19/01/2018

Andrew Vaughan (Corporate Director Commercial and Operations)

SIGNED and Dated: 31/01/2018