

ANNUAL REVIEW OF PARKING MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2018-19

Cabinet - 8 March 2018

Report of Chief Officer Environmental and Operational Services

Status: For Cabinet Decision

Also considered by: Cabinet 9 November 2017 (Consultation arrangements)

Key Decision: Yes

Executive Summary: This report informs Members of the outcome of the public consultation on the annual review of parking management arrangements for 2018-19, which proposed a simplification of charges in the Council's Sevenoaks town car parks and a reduction in the charging period both on and off street in Sevenoaks town.

This report supports the Key Aim of: The effective management of Council resources and supporting the local economy.

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Recommendation: That following consideration of the responses to the public consultation, the revised parking management arrangements for 2018-9 be agreed by Cabinet.

Reason for recommendation: To help regulate and manage the use of parking facilities in the District; to ensure car parking charges are set to support a sustainable local economy; and, to support services for residents as set out in the approved 10 year budget.

Introduction

- 1 This report considers the responses to proposals for revised parking management arrangements in the Council's car parks and the charges for on street parking for 2018-19, intended to simplify the charging regime in its car parks, and reduce confusion for our customers.
- 2 The first proposal reduces the daily charging period in Sevenoaks town, which are currently 8.30am to 9.30pm to 8.30am to 8.30pm. The second proposal dispenses with the £1 evening charge that currently operates from

6.30pm to 9.30pm, applying the daily tariff through the day, from 8.30am to 8.30pm. All other tariffs would be frozen for 2018/19.

Background Information

- 3 Proposals were considered by Cabinet on 9 November 2017, the resolution of Cabinet was: “That the revised car park management proposals for 2018-19 as set out in the report, be approved for consultation subject to further communication.”
- 4 The public consultation, advertised locally on signs erected in car parks and on the Council’s website, informs Cabinet of the public’s support or objection to the proposals to vary parking charges.
- 5 Attached at Appendix A is an analysis and summary of the consultation responses.

Key Implications

Financial

The Council’s 10 year budget assumes a 2.5% increase in the levels of income, including from parking, to enable the delivery of a balanced budget and continued provision of valued services to residents. Members reduced this figure from 3.5% to reflect the authority’s continuing focus on introducing further efficiencies, increasing investment income and to reflect the national economic climate of recent years. The proposed changes in charges would satisfy this requirement.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

Changes to the charges will require Notices of Variation in respect of the off-street Parking Order governing the management of off-street parking arrangements.

Equality Impacts

There is a low risk that the proposals in this report would have any implications under the Equality Act.

Community Impact and Outcomes

Measured and reasonable parking charges can encourage the use of more sustainable transport options and healthier lifestyles for journeys to school, work, and visits to shops and other amenities in towns and villages.

Human Rights

There are no human rights issues or implications.

Conclusions

Adoption of the revised parking charges will help improve management of parking in the District whilst also satisfying the Council’s financial targets.

Appendices

Appendix A - Analysis and summary of responses to the public consultation on the annual review of parking charges for 2018-19

Appendix B - Proposed parking management charges

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