

ANNUAL REVIEW OF PARKING MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2019-20

Cabinet - 10 January 2019

Report of Chief Officer Environmental and Operational Services

Status: For Decision

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 2019-20, which proposed a moderate increase in the daily and season ticket charges in the Council's Bradbourne car park, and amendments to the maximum stay periods in Sevenoaks town centre car parks.

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 2019-20 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 response to proposals for revised parking management arrangements in the Council's car parks for 2019-20, intended to help regulate demand for parking.
- 2 Following a careful review of both on and off street parking management arrangements, the proposals taken forward for consultation were:
 - a) a moderate increase in the daily and season ticket charges in the new Bradbourne multi decked car park serving in the main, commuters using Sevenoaks railway station

- b) a change in the maximum stay periods in Sevenoaks town centre South Park (Stag), Suffolk Way and Buckhurst 1 car parks from 5 hours to 4 hours.
- c) The introduction of an “up to 5-hour” period in the new Buckhurst 2 car park to replace the provision described in “b”.

3 Under the proposals, all other tariffs will be frozen in 2019-20.

Background Information

4 Proposals were considered by Cabinet on 11 October 2018, which resolved that:

- a) the parking management proposals for 2019-20 be agreed for consultation; and
- b) a flexible multi-year approach be adopted, to allow the Council, as a local parking provider, to be more responsive to economic cycles as well as the needs of its customers and communities

5 The public consultation, advertised locally on signs erected in car parks and on the Council’s website, informs Cabinet of the public’s response on these proposals.

6 Ten consultation responses were received from eight respondents.

7 Some respondents queried the level of increase at Bradbourne.

8 Other responses discussed the provision of parking for workers, the need for long stay parking in Sevenoaks town and the proposed removal of the 5-hour maximum stay in town centre short-stay car parks.

9 Members will be aware that in addition to the extensive freeze in charges in most of the Council’s car parks last year and again this year, there have been no increases at Bradbourne for the past four years. In addition, development of the new multi decked car park on the site has significantly improved the facility, with “leading edge” smart lighting, most spaces under cover and extensive cctv security coverage.

10 In respect of long-stay parking provision in Sevenoaks town, it is proposed that the “up to 5-hours” period remains in the short stay car parks until the new Buckhurst 2 multi decked car park reopens. The “up to 5-hours” level of charge - designed predominantly to help part time workers in the town - will then be available in the new car park.

Key Implications

Financial

11 The Council approach for 2019-20 adopts a more flexible approach to its budget intentions, reflecting its continuing focus on achieving a balanced

budget and efficiencies, while taking account of the national economic climate and cycles, and the needs of our customers and communities.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

- 12 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

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

Community Impact and Outcomes

- 14 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

- 15 There are no human rights issues or implications.

Conclusion

- 16 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 - Proposed parking management charges

Background Papers

[Cabinet - 11 October 2018](#)

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