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Call In Committee

Thursday, 4th January, 2024

6.00 pm

Meeting Room A

Blackburn Town Hall

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Denise Park, Chief Executive

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

Members attending a Council, Committee, Board or other meeting with a personal interest in a matter on the Agenda must disclose the existence and nature of the interest and, if it is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or an Other Interest under paragraph 16.1 of the Code of Conduct, should leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the item.

Members declaring an interest(s) should complete this form and hand it to the Democratic Services Officer at the commencement of the meeting and declare such an interest at the appropriate point on the agenda.

MEETING: **CALL-IN COMMITTEE**

DATE: **4th JANUARY 2024**

AGENDA ITEM NO.:

DESCRIPTION (BRIEF):

NATURE OF INTEREST:

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY/OTHER (delete as appropriate)

SIGNED :

PRINT NAME:

(Paragraphs 8 to 17 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Council refer)

BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CALL-IN COMMITTEE – Review of Parking Tariffs 2024

(Executive Member Decision published on 1 December 2023)

MEETING PROCEDURE

Chair – Cllr Kevin Connor

Members of the Committee: (Councillors Brian Taylor, Sylvia Liddle, Dave Harling, Zamir Khan, Sabahat Imtiaz, Katrina Fielding, Neil Slater and Mustafa Desai).

Executive Members: Cllr Jim Smith, Environment & Operations, and Quesir Mahmood, Growth & Development.

Members who requested the Call-in: Councillors Mark Russell (representative), Paul Marrow, Derek Hardman, Jon Baldwin, Julie Slater and Denise Gee.

Supporting Chief Officer: Martin Eden, Strategic Director of Environment & Operations.

Legal Advisor to the Committee: Asad Laher

Governance Services: Phil Llewellyn

1. Welcome & Apologies

- Chair welcomes the Committee
- Chair checks that the Committee have received a copy of the reasons for the Call-in, and the procedure
- Chair asks for any apologies.

2. Declarations of Interests

- Chair asks for any declaration of interests and whether any of the Committee Members have had any involvement in the decision which has been called in.

3. Guidance on procedure

- Chair asks the Legal Advisor to explain the process to be followed
- Legal Advisor will explain that the meeting will be held in Part 1.
- Legal Advisor will provide confirmation from himself as the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Financial Officer that the decision is within the budget and policy framework. Therefore, the options for the Committee and hearing the representations would be to accept the decision or refer the decision back to the Executive Members for Environment & Operations and Growth & Development.

The Chair asks the representative of those Members who requested the Call- in (Mark Russell, supported by Councillor Paul Marrow) and the Executive Members (Jim Smith and Quesir Mahmood, supported by Martin Eden) to take their places at table.

Executive Member Decision published on 1st December 2023 – Review of Parking Tariffs 2024.

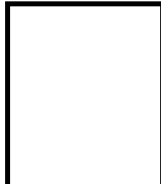
- a) Chair asks Cllr Mark Russell to explain the reasons for the Call-in.
- b) Executive Members for Environment & Operations and Growth & Development seek clarification from Cllr Mark Russell.
- c) Members of the Committee to ask Cllr Mark Russell questions.
- d) Chair asks the Executive Members to explain the reasons for the decision made (with other supporting officers).
- e) Cllr Mark Russell to ask the Executive Members questions.
- f) Members of the Committee to ask the Executive Members and Supporting Officers questions.
- g) Sum up – Cllr Mark Russell
- h) Sum up – Executive Members for Environment & Operations and Growth & Development.

Chair asks Cllr Mark Russell, Cllr Paul Marrow, Councillors Jim Smith and Quesir Mahmood and Martin Eden to leave the table.

- i) Chair requests any final contributions from Members of the Committee.
- j) Chair asks the committee to consider the representations made and decide how to proceed.
- k) Chair asks Legal advisor to go through the options:

To Accept the decision; or
To refer the decision back to the Executive Members for Environment & Operations and Growth & Development.

l) Named vote and recording of reasons.



TO: THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
For the immediate attention of
Democraticservices@blackburn.gov.uk

From COUNCILLOR MARK RUSSELL

Date: 03/12/2023

EXECUTIVE BOARD/MEMBER DECISION TO BE CALLED IN: Ref Review of Parking Tariffs 2024

EMD

DATE OF PUBLICATION: 01/12/2023

Subject: 1. The negative impact of the proposed increase on town centre footfall and businesses
 2. The proposed increase of up to 25% is too steep and will deter short-stay visitors
 3. The Decision is all stick and no carrot – a scheme such as 'Free From 3' should be included to attract visitors and boost town centre business
 4. A separate, cheaper tariff should be retained for Sunday's
 5. The Decision does not adequately benchmark against nearby competing town centres
 6. The Decision should have been taken by Executive Board as it is a Decision of more than one Executive Member

EXECUTIVE BOARD/MEMBER DECISION CALLED IN BY:
 (6 Members)

Councillor	Signature
1. Cllr Mark Russell	M Russell
2. Cllr Paul Marrow	P Marrow
3. Cllr Jon Baldwin	J Baldwin
4. Cllr Derek Hardman	D Hardman
5. Cllr Denise Gee	D Gee
6. Cllr Julie Slater	J Slater

Date Received by Democratic Services:

REASONS FOR THE CALL IN

Please state reasons for the Call In, which will be addressed by the appropriate Executive Member.

As agreed at Council Forum on 26th June 2009, the lead signatory must provide detailed reasons for the Call in.

Council Forum resolved that it was no longer sufficient to provide limited reasons such as Lack of consultation or inaccurate information.

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION



REPORT OF:	Executive Member for Environment & Operations, Executive Member for Growth and Development
LEAD OFFICERS:	Strategic Director of Environment & Operations
DATE:	29 November 2023

PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED: Environment and Operations; Growth and Development Departments

WARD/S AFFECTED: (All Wards);

SUBJECT: Review of Parking Tariffs 2024

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 1st November 2022, all parking tariffs, Monday to Saturday in Blackburn town centre were increased by 20p. Parking tariffs on Sundays were increased by 50p with a £1.50 charge for up to 3 hours parking and a £2.50 charge for parking all day.

Given the financial challenges facing the Council and the continuing changes and improvements to the town centre offer, it is proposed that the parking tariffs are reviewed in 2024.

This report sets out proposals for increasing the parking tariffs on street and off street, Monday to Sunday, to be introduced from Monday 5th February 2024.

The report also sets out proposals to remove the separate parking tariffs for Sundays and to align parking tariffs, so that the same tariffs apply 7 days a week.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Members:

- Approve a 30p increase on all parking tariffs in the town centre to be introduced with effect from Monday 5 February 2024.
- Approve the removal of the separate parking tariffs for Sundays and to implement parking tariffs which apply 7 days a week, Monday to Sunday.

3. BACKGROUND

The Council last increased its parking tariffs in Blackburn Town Centre on 1st November 2022. The main shopper's car park in the town centre is operated by the Mall.

The Mall parking charges for 2023 are listed in the table below. It should be noted that the owners of the Mall may decide to increase their parking charges in 2024:

The Mall car park – open 24 hours	
	Tariffs 2023
Up to 2 hours	£1.90
2 – 4 hours	£2.90
Up to 12 hours	£5.00
Night tariff – between 5.00pm and 7.00am	£1.90
Sunday and Bank Holidays	Normal daily parking charges apply

Options to increase the Council's current Parking Tariffs by 30p

The table below lists the existing parking tariffs and impact of charging an additional 30p on each tariff and the removal of the separate parking tariffs for Sundays in Blackburn Town centre:

	Existing Tariff	Proposed 30p on every tariff
On Street – Short Stay (Monday-Sunday 8am-6pm)		
30 minutes	1.20	1.50
1 hour	1.80	2.10
1hr 30mins	2.40	2.70
2 hours	2.80	3.10
On Street – Long Stay (Monday-Sunday 8am-6pm)		
2 hours	1.90	2.20
4 hours	2.80	3.10
6 hours	3.70	4.00
Over 6 hrs	4.40	4.70
Off Street – Short Stay (Monday-Sunday 8am-6pm)		
1 hour	1.60	1.90
2 hour	2.30	2.60
3 hour	3.00	3.30
5 hour	4.40	4.70
Over 5 hrs	8.60	8.90
Off Street – Long Stay (Monday-Sunday 8am-6pm)		
2 hours	1.90	2.20
4 hours	2.80	3.10
6 hours	3.70	4.00
Over 6 hrs	4.40	4.70
Feilden St Multi-Storey (Monday-Sunday 8am-6pm)		
1 hour	1.60	1.90
2 hours	2.10	2.40
4 hours	3.10	3.40
8 hours	4.30	4.60
Over 8 hrs	6.60	6.90

Sunday parking tariffs

The Council introduced Sunday parking tariffs in 2018, the current tariffs are £1.50 for up to 3 hours parking and £2.50 for over 3 hours parking. It should be noted, the main shopper's car park in Blackburn town centre is operated by the Mall and parking tariffs on the Mall car parks apply 7 days a week. Preston City Centre is the closest city centre shopping offer to Blackburn and parking tariffs in Preston, both on street and off street, apply 7 days a week. Accordingly, it is proposed that the parking tariffs in Blackburn town centre apply 7 days a week, rather than continuing to operate separate parking tariffs on Sundays.

4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

Parking tariffs in Blackburn Town Centre were last increased on 1st November 2022.

Given the continuing financial challenges faced by the Council and the changes and improvements to the town centre offer, it is proposed that the parking tariffs are reviewed for 2024.

The report sets out the option to increase the tariffs charged on street and off street, Monday to Saturday by 30p and the removal of separate parking tariffs on Sundays, so that the same parking tariffs apply 7 days a week.

Increasing parking tariffs will generate additional income for the Council providing the increases are not excessive to the point where they deter people from parking on street or using the Council owned car parks.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The proposal to make a variation order to an existing Traffic Regulation Order requires delegated approval from Executive Member for Growth and Development and the Strategic Director of Environment and Operations.

A notice is required to be publicised in local press and on site to comply with the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed 30p increase in parking tariffs and the introduction of the same parking tariffs, 7 days a week will generate an estimated £159,000 additional income for the Council in line with the budget expectations for parking services.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

A notice of variation is required to implement the proposals pursuant to regulation 25 of the The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. In effect, the proposed changes needs to be advertised with at least 21 days' notice given – in the local circulating newspaper and on site. The notice of variation is not subject to objections.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Updated signage will be required in the car parks to reflect the new tariffs and the software in the Pay and Display machines will require amending to reflect the new tariffs.

9. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

Please select one of the options below. Where appropriate please include the hyperlink to the EIA.

Option 1 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required – the EIA checklist has been completed.

Option 2 In determining this matter the Executive Member needs to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA link here)*

Option 3 In determining this matter the Executive Board Members need to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA attachment)*

10. CONSULTATIONS

11. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been considered. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

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12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
All Declarations of Interest of any Executive Member consulted and note of any dispensation granted by the Chief Executive will be recorded and published if applicable.

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CONTACT OFFICER:	Joanne Byrne/Martin Eden
DATE:	15-11-23
BACKGROUND PAPER:	