



EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

REPORT OF:	Executive Member for Environment Executive Member for Regeneration
LEAD OFFICERS:	Director of Environment and Leisure
DATE:	3 rd August 2018

PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED:	Environment	Regeneration
WARD/S AFFECTED:	All	

SUBJECT: Review of parking tariffs; on- street and off-street parking

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Parking tariffs in Blackburn Town Centre have not been increased since 1st April 2011. Given the length of time since charges were increased and the changes and improvements to the town centre offer, it is proposed that the parking tariffs are reviewed.

This report sets out options for increasing the parking charges on street and off street, Monday to Saturday and options for introducing parking charges on Sundays.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Member:

- Approves a 20p increase on all parking tariffs in the town centre, Monday to Saturday
- Approves the introduction of parking charges on Sundays as per option D within the report

3. BACKGROUND

Parking tariffs in Blackburn Town Centre have not been increased since 1st April 2011. Given the length of time since charges were increased and the changes and improvements to the town centre offer, it is proposed that the parking tariffs are reviewed.

It should be noted, the main shopper's car park in the town centre is operated by the Mall and they charge the following rates:-

The Mall car park – open 24 hours	
	Tariffs
Up to 2 hours	£1.50
2 – 4 hours	£2.50
Up to 12 hours	£5.00
Sunday and Bank Holidays	Normal daily parking charges apply

Options to change the current Parking Tariff

Below are 2 options for changing the Parking Tariffs in Blackburn Town centre:

	Existing Tariff	Option A (10p on every tariff)	Option B (20p on every tariff)
On Street – Short Stay (Mon-Sat 8am-6pm)			
30 mins	0.60	0.70	0.80
1 hour	1.20	1.30	1.40
1hr 30mins	1.80	1.90	2.00
2 hours	2.20	2.30	2.40
On Street – Long Stay (Mon-Sat 8am-6pm)			
2 hours	1.30	1.40	1.50
4 hours	2.20	2.30	2.40
6 hours	3.10	3.20	3.30
Over 6 hrs	3.80	3.90	4.00
Off Street – Short Stay (Mon-Sat 8am-6pm)			
1 hour	1.00	1.10	1.20
2 hour	1.70	1.80	1.90
3 hour	2.40	2.50	2.60
5 hour	3.80	3.90	4.00
Over 5 hrs	8.00	8.10	8.20
Off Street – Long Stay (Mon-Sat 8am-6pm)			
2 hours	1.30	1.40	1.50
4 hours	2.20	2.30	2.40
6 hours	3.10	3.20	3.30
Over 6 hrs	3.80	3.90	4.00
Fielden St Multi-Storey (Mon-Sat 7am-8pm)			
1 hour	1.00	1.10	1.20
2 hours	1.50	1.60	1.70
4 hours	2.50	2.60	2.70
8 hours	3.70	3.80	3.90
Over 8 hrs	6.00	6.10	6.20

Parking statistics

- In 2017/18, a total of 432,511 transactions were completed via the new Pay & Display machines, the average transaction was £1.34.
- At Feilden Street MSCP, 65,618 transactions were completed at the Pay on Foot machines; the average transaction was £3.12.
- In 2017/18, a total 498,129 parking payment transactions were completed across the borough.

Sunday Charging

The Mall has constantly charged for parking on Sundays and charges the same tariff on Sunday as the rest of the week. The Council has never charged for parking on a Sunday, however in the table below, there are three options listed for consideration:

Sunday Charging (8am – 6pm)				
	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
On Street – Short Stay	No Change – Continue to be Free	Use same tariff as the rest of the week	All day Parking charge £1.00	Up to 3hrs – charge £1.00
On Street – Long Stay				Over 3 hours – charge £2.00
Fielden St	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed

4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

Parking tariffs in Blackburn Town Centre have not been increased since 1st April 2011. Given the length of time since charges were increased and the changes and improvements to the town centre offer, it is proposed that the parking tariffs are reviewed.

The report sets out options to increase the tariffs charged on street and off street, Monday to Saturday. The report also proposes the introduction of parking charges on Sundays.

Increasing parking charges 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 Regeneration and Growth and Chief Officer.

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 increase in parking charges will generate income for the council in line with the budget expectations for parking services.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

A variation order to the existing Traffic Regulation Order needs to be advertised with 21 days' notice given – in the paper and on site in accordance with regulation 25 of The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. The variation order is not subject to objections. The Variation Order will be made in accordance with section 46A relating to variations of charges at designated parking places and section 35C relating to variation of charges at off-street parking places.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

New signage would be required in the car parks to reflect the new tariffs – a cost for this will be obtained and included in the Executive Member decision paper. The signage will also be amended to comply with the new GDPR regulations.

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.

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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BACKGROUND PAPER:	
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