



# EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

<b>REPORT OF:</b>	Executive Member for Environment & Operations, Executive Member for Growth and Development
<b>LEAD OFFICERS:</b>	Strategic Director of Environment & Operations
<b>DATE:</b>	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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

<b>The Mall car park – open 24 hours</b>	
	<b>Tariffs 2023</b>
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
<b>On Street – Short Stay (Monday-Sunday 8am-6pm)</b>		
30 minutes	1.20	1.50
1 hour	1.80	2.10
1hr 30mins	2.40	2.70
2 hours	2.80	3.10
<b>On Street – Long Stay (Monday-Sunday 8am-6pm)</b>		
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
<b>Off Street – Short Stay (Monday-Sunday 8am-6pm)</b>		
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
<b>Off Street – Long Stay (Monday-Sunday 8am-6pm)</b>		
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
<b>Feilden St Multi-Storey (Monday-Sunday 8am-6pm)</b>		
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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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