

Decision Record – Changes to On-Street Parking Charges

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Cllr Jeff Clarke Transport and Environment
Date of Decision (not before 20 October 2017)	25/10/2017

Decision Taken
That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Environment approves that the charges for on-street parking within the Districts of Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick and within the Borough of Rugby shall be increased pursuant to section 46A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Reasons for Decisions
Increases to on-street parking charges require member approval

Background Information
<p>On-street parking charges in Warwickshire have remained the same since 2013. In some streets the charge for a one hour stay has remained the same since 2006.</p> <p>In accordance with policy P2 of its current Local Transport Plan, Warwickshire County Council (“WCC”) will use its on-street pricing policy to encourage the use of off-street parking spaces ahead of on-street spaces. This is in order to reduce the environmental impact of traffic congestion through the appropriate use of public parking. In particular this is managed by directing long stay commuter drivers to follow appropriate routes to off-street car parks or the park and ride site whilst preserving the availability of on-street spaces for short stay trips. This minimises the number of trips made by cars in search of a parking space.</p> <p>The objectives are best achieved by ensuring that it is more expensive to park for an equivalent time on-street than it is off-street. Currently only Rugby Borough Council’s parking charges and Warwick District Council’s parking charges in Kenilworth offer a financial discrepancy that encourages the use of off-street car parks.</p> <p>In order to deliver a coherent county-wide service, WCC proposes to equalise the rates for parking across all of the districts and boroughs in the county where pay and display parking is provided on-street with the exception of Kenilworth where WCC recognises that to bring the on street charges in Kenilworth in line with the county-wide tariff would represent a significant percentage increase for 2 hours parking in the town.</p> <p>Whilst recognising the particular circumstances of Kenilworth this approach mirrors the recent implementation of a county-wide charging mechanism for parking permits. It also recognises that the enforcement and maintenance of parking controls is delivered on a county-wide basis and therefore all parking controls are subject to the same costs in those regards.</p>

Financial Implications
All work will be carried out within the existing 2017/2018 budget allocation and is compliant with the current One Organisational Plan.

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Checklist

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or Exempt? (State the category of exempt information)	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of Reports considered
Link to published proposed decision report: https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/4109/Committee/587/Default.aspx

List of Background Papers
None

Members and officers consulted or informed
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