

Minutes of Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Transport & Highways Decision Making Session held on 24 April 2012

Present:

Councillor Peter Butlin (Portfolio Holder for Transport & Highways) - Decision maker.

Councillor Sarah Boad, (Local member for Leamington North)

Officers

Janet Purcell, Democratic Services Manager
Roger Newham, County Transport Planner
Nigel Whyte, Project Manager, Transport Planning

1. Member Declarations of Interests

None.

2. Proposed Changes to On-Street Parking Charges in Leamington Spa

Councillor Peter Butlin advised the meeting that he had considered the officer's report that set out proposals for a linear parking charge in Leamington town centre of 50p per half an hour (replacing current on street parking charges of 40p for half an hour, £1.20 for an hour and £2.40 for two hours). The linear charge structure will result in people being credited with time to the value they have paid which is an advantage if people do not have exact change (e.g. a payment of 60p gives 36 minutes).

Councillor Sarah Boad reported the views expressed at the Warwick Area Committee who had considered the proposals at their meeting on 10 April 2012. (A copy of the draft minute had been circulated to the portfolio holder).

The Committee had supported the proposals for linear parking charges but considered the minimum price should be kept low. Councillor Peter Butlin stated that he wished to see a consistent approach to charging across the area to prevent confusion for the public and he had, therefore, concluded that the minimum charge should be reduced to 20p (matching Warwick District Council off-street parking in Leamington). Therefore, 20p will provide 12 minutes parking, 40p will provide 24 minutes parking etc.

Roger Newham advised that there would be clear instructions on the parking machines and that it is easy to change the charge levels on the machines as they are set remotely by computer. The meeting was informed that the introduction of the changes would be in July (not June), in line with Warwick District Council's introduction of their new off street parking charges and that there would be clear publicity.

Resolved

That a linear charge of 50p per half an hour as set out in the report be introduced for parking on streets in Leamington Spa where parking charges apply but that this will start from 20p minimum (for 12 minutes) instead of 50p as suggested in the report.

3. Stratford Park and Ride Enhancements: Introductory Bus Ticket Promotion for Extended Evening Service

Councillor Peter Butlin considered a report proposing the introduction of a promotional offer of reduced charges to coincide with the launch of the new evening bus service. The meeting noted the revenue funding allocated for the new bus services and that the costs of the additional bus contract for the extended evening bus service will be met by grant up to the end of 2014-15.

Resolved

That the following introductory promotional offer be introduced to coincide with the launch of the new evening bus service:

- Reduced charging for a maxi family ticket (2 adults and up to 4 children) from £3.00 to £2.00 – only applicable to customers arriving at the Park and Ride after 15.00.
- Offer for tourists and visitors who have made an advanced booking for a local theatre, restaurant and/or hotel of reduced charging for a maxi family ticket (with proof of eligibility).

4. Any Other Urgent Business

None.

The meeting rose at 2.15 p.m.

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