

Decision Record – Proposed Changes to On-Street Charges in Warwick

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking decision

Councillor Peter Butlin – Transport and Highways

**Date of Decision:
(NOT BEFORE – 22nd February 2013)**

27 FEBRUARY 2013

Decision taken

That I, as Portfolio Holder for Transport and Highways, approves a linear charge of 50p per half an hour, as described in the report, be introduced in Warwick for parking on streets where parking charges apply.

Reasons for Decisions

The current on-street parking charges in Warwick are 40p for half an hour, £1.00 for one hour and £1.70p for two hours. It is proposed that a linear charging structure be introduced on and off-street at the level of 50p per half an hour but with a minimum payment of 20p for 12 minutes. That will mean charges on-street of 50p for half an hour, £1 for one hour and £2 for two hours.

The hours of charging off-street will be based on 8am to 6pm with a 50p overnight charge applying between 6pm and 8am in town centre car parks.

In Linen Street multi-storey car park linear charging will continue up to a maximum of £6 for 6 hours and over. Charges at Myton Fields picnic area will continue at £3 for up to 4 hours and £4.50 for over 4 hours.

Background Information/ factors considered in arriving at these decisions - (set out below and in the officer report):

Background:

On and off-street linear charges of 50p per half hour with a minimum payment of 20p for 12 minutes were introduced in Leamington in July last year and appear to have been generally well received. Linear charging results in people being credited with time to the value they have paid e.g. a payment of 60p gives 36 minutes and £1.50 buys 90 minutes. This charging structure gives more choice and means that people are credited for the time they pay for if they don't have the exact change.

Following discussions with Warwick Town Council in September 2012 a working group was set up to look at improvements to the parking offer in Warwick. The group which included representatives from Warwick District Council (WDC), Warwick Town Council and Warwick Chamber of Trade has recommended that linear charges be introduced in Warwick.

At its meeting on 9 January WDC's Executive Committee approved a recommendation to move to linear charges in its off-street car parks in Warwick and to support the County Council in introducing the same level of linear charges on-street.

Financial Implications:

It is difficult to predict exactly what the financial impact of the proposed changes will be. However, if there is a net reduction in income it can be absorbed within existing Transport and Highways budgets.

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Checklist

Urgent matter: yes/no*

No

Confidential or Exempt (state category of exempt information)

No

Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?

No

List of Reports considered [please attach or forward a copy]

Report from author.

List of Background Papers [please include directorate contact names and numbers for access to background papers]

None

Any members and officers consulted or informed and any comments given.

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