

- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION **YES/NO** *(If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps)*

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

Warwick Area Committee – 23rd January 2007

Proposed Changes to Fees, Charges and Designation for Off-Street Car Parking Across Warwick District

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy

Recommendation

That the Area Committee endorses Warwick District Council's proposed changes to off-street car parking across Warwick District.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Warwick District Council is proposing a number of changes to parking services within Warwick District. This includes small increases in charges for some parking durations and changes in designation for selected car parks. In addition, the current Excess Charge Notice system will be replaced by a Penalty Charge Notice as a result of the planned introduction of Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement in Autumn 2007.
- 1.2 Warwickshire County Council has been invited, as consultees, to respond to these proposals. The purpose of this report is to seek Members views of the proposals.
- 1.3 This report considers these proposals in relation to the County Council's parking strategy contained within Warwickshire's Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2006-2011.

2. Background

- 2.1 The current LTP parking strategy is intended to help maintain and enhance the economic vitality of town centres by reducing congestion, while ensuring that enough good quality parking is available to support the continuing viability of retail and leisure facilities.
- 2.2 The parking policies included in the second LTP seek to:-
 - (i) Make sufficient short stay parking available at a cost and convenience that will enable every town to be competitive and promote economic vitality.
 - (ii) Reduce the impact of the car on town centres.

- (ii) Control the amount and/or price/or location of long stay parking.
- (iii) Reduce the proportion of long stay parking, possibly replacing long stay with short stay parking.

3. Warwick District Council Proposals

3.1 The proposed changes to parking services within Warwick District include:-

- (i) Increasing the charge in short stay car parks by 10p for stays up to two and three hours, by 30p for stays up to four hours, by 40p for stays up to six hours and by 50p for stays over six hours. There is no proposed increase for stays up to one hour. The car parks affected include Linen Street and Priory Road in Warwick.
- (ii) Increasing the charges in long stay car parks in both Leamington (Rosefield Street and Adelaide Road) and Warwick (St Nicholas Park, West Rock, Barrack Street and St. Mary's Land area 2 and 4). The proposed changes to charges in long stay Leamington car parks include an increase of 10p for stays of up to one, two and three hours, an increase of 20p for stays of up to four hours, an increase of 30p for stays up to six hours and a 40p increase for stays over six hours.
- (iii) In Warwick long stay car parks, there are no proposed increases for stays of up to one and three hours. Proposed increases in charges include a 20p increase for stays of up to two, four and six hours and an increase of 30p for stays over six hours. There will also be an increase of 10p for stays of half an hour in St Nicholas car park.
- (iv) Increasing the charges in limited stay car parks by 20p for 2 hours in Leamington and by 10p for both 1 and 2 hour stays in Warwick. This increase has been targeted at the most well used car parks in Leamington and Warwick, namely: Chandos Street, Bedford Street and Covent Garden surface car park in Leamington and New Street, Westgate, Castle Lane and The Butts in Warwick.
- (v) Increasing the charges in the pay on foot car parks (Covent Garden and St Peters) in Leamington by 10p for stays of up to one and two hours, by 20p for stays of up to three hours, by 30p for stays of up to four and six hours and by 40p for stays between six and fifteen hours. Stays of over fifteen hours will increase by 80p.
- (vi) Increasing the charges in Leamington Old Town car parks, namely Bath Place, Packington Street and Court Street, by 10p for stays of up to two hours and 20p for stays of up to three, four and four or more hours.
- (vii) In Kenilworth, namely Abbey End and Square West car parks, it is proposed that charges for stays up to two hours remain unchanged, stays up to 3 and 4 hours increase by 10p and 20p respectively and stays over 6 hours increase by 30p. It is proposed that these charges stay in place until 6 months after the opening of the Waitrose store (due to open in

April 2008), after which charges should be increased to the level in place in Warwick for long stay parking. There are currently no evening or Sunday charges in operation in Kenilworth. Warwick District Council will review this after Waitrose has opened.

- (viii) Changes in designation for selected car parks in Warwick, proposals include changing The Butts and Castle Lane from short stay to limited stay. This will ensure consistency between off-street charges in these areas and the proposed charges for on-street parking as part of the introduction of Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement.
- (ix) As a result of the introduction of Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement (DPE), the current Excess Charge Notice (ECN) system will be replaced by the Penalty Charge Notice (PCN). The normal cost of a PCN will be £60 (the same amount as the current ECN). The maximum reduction allowed by the Department for Transport for a PCN in areas with parking enforcement in place is 50 percent (£30 payment within 14 days). This is an increase against the current ECN reduction of 90 percent for payment within one hour and 75 percent reduction if payment is made within one working day.
- (x) Increasing the charge for having a skip/scaffolding on a car park from £45 per day/£185 per week to £50 per day/£200 per week from 1st April 2007.
- (xi) Increase the parking charge for Special Events from £4 to £5 per vehicle as from 1st April 2007.
- (xii) The cost of the evening car park season ticket will be held at the current level, and the District Council are considering offering those residents with a Residents Parking Permit the use of off-street car parks at no extra charge from 18.00 to 08.00.

3.2 For details of all proposed increases in charging refer to **Appendix A**.

4. Comments

4.1 The proposals by Warwick District are broadly consistent with the aims and objectives of the Local Transport Plan 2006-2011. Points to note include:-

- (i) Increase in parking charges:- These proposed increases in all time bands, with the greatest increases for longer durations, will serve to increase the price differential between time bands and discourage people from parking for long periods of time. This may help deter long stay commuter car parking, helping to maintain the vitality and viability of the town centres, in accordance with LTP parking policies.
- (ii) Changes in designation of car parks from short stay to limited stay in Warwick town centre (The Butts and Castle Lane). This is consistent with the introduction of the Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement in Warwick District by the County Council, and will result in a maximum stay of two hours in these car parks. This is in line with proposals for on-street

car parking restrictions in adjacent areas as part of the introduction of DPE. The change in designation of these car parks to limited stay will ensure that there is a more rapid turnover of spaces. This will help to maintain the economic vitality and viability of Warwick Town centre and help reduce the impact of the car, due to less congestion as a result of less circulating traffic seeking parking spaces.

- 4.2 It is recommended that Area Committee endorses the proposed changes to off-street car parking across Warwick District.

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Warwick Area Committee – 23rd January 2007

Proposed Changes to Fees, Charges and Designation for
Off-Street Car Parking Across Warwick District**Leamington****Leamington Long Stay - Rosefield Street/Adelaide Road**

Period of Stay	Current Charge	Proposed Charges 07/08	Difference	% increase
Up to 1 hour	£0.70	£0.80	£0.10	14%
Up to 2 hours	£1.20	£1.30	£0.10	8%
Up to 3 hours	£2.00	£2.10	£0.10	5%
Up to 4 hours	£2.50	£2.70	£0.20	8%
Up to 6 hours	£3.30	£3.60	£0.30	9%
Over 6 hours	£3.50	£3.90	£0.40	11%

Leamington Pay on Foot - St Peter's/Covent Garden

Period of Stay	Current Charge	Proposed Charges 07/08	Difference	% increase
Up to 1 hour	£0.80	£0.90	£0.10	13%
Up to 2 hours	£1.40	£1.50	£0.10	7%
Up to 3 hours	£2.10	£2.30	£0.20	10%
Up to 4 hours	£2.60	£2.90	£0.30	12%
Up to 6 hours	£3.50	£3.80	£0.30	9%
6-15 hours	£3.70	£4.10	£0.40	11%
Over 15 hours	£5.70	£6.50	£0.80	14%

Leamington Limited Stay - Covent Garden Surface/Chandos Street/Bedford Street

Period of Stay	Current Charge	Proposed Charges 07/08	Difference	% increase
Up to 1 hour	£1.00	£1.00	£0.00	0%
Up to 2 hours	£1.60	£1.80	£0.20	13%

Leamington Old Town Car Parks - Bath Place/Packington Place/Court Street

Period of Stay	Current Charge	Proposed Charges 07/08	Difference	% increase
Up to 1 hour	£0.50	£0.50	£0.00	0%
Up to 2 hours	£0.80	£0.90	£0.10	13%
Up to 3 hours	£1.70	£1.90	£0.20	12%
Up to 4 hours	£2.20	£2.40	£0.20	9%
Over 4 hours	£2.80	£3.00	£0.20	7%

Warwick

Period of Stay	Current Charge	Proposed Charges 07/08	Difference	% increase
Up to 1/2 hour	£0.10	£0.20p*	£0.10	100%
Up to 1 hour	£0.50	£0.50	£0.00	0%
Up to 2 hours	£0.80	£1.00	£0.20	25%
Up to 3 hours	£1.70	£1.70	£0.00	0%
Up to 4 hours	£2.20	£2.40	£0.20	9%
Up to 6 hours	£2.80	£3.00	£0.20	7%
Over 6 hours	£3.00	£3.30	£0.30	10%

*St. Nicholas park Only

Warwick Short Stay - Linen Street/Priory Road

Period of Stay	Current Charge	Proposed Charges 07/08	Difference	% increase
Up to 1 hour	£0.60	£0.60	£0.00	0%
Up to 2 hours	£1.00	£1.10	£0.10	10%
Up to 3 Hours	£1.70	£1.80	£0.10	6%
Up to 4 hours	£2.20	£2.50	£0.30	14%
Up to 6 hours	£4.00	£4.40	£0.40	10%
Over 6 hours	£5.00	£5.50	£0.50	10%

Warwick Limited Stay - New Street/Westgate/Castle Lane/The Butts/St Mary's Land area 3

Period of Stay	Current Charge	Proposed Charges 07/08	Difference	% increase
Up to 1 hour	£0.80	£0.90	£0.10	13%
Up to 2 hours	£1.40	£1.50	£0.10	7%
Area 3				
2-3 hours	£1.70	£1.70	£0.00	0%
3-4 hours	£2.20	£2.40	£0.20	9%

Warwick - Myton Fields Picnic Area

Period of Stay	Current Charge	Proposed Charges 07/08	Difference	% increase
Up to 4 hours	£2.20	£3.00	£0.80	36%
Over 4 hours	£4.00	£4.50	£0.50	13%

Kenilworth

Kenilworth - Abbey End/ Square West

Period of Stay	Current Charge	Proposed Charges 07/08	Difference	% increase
Up to 1/2 hour	£0.30	£0.30	£0.00	0%
Up to 1 hour	£0.50	£0.50	£0.00	0%
Up to 2 hours	£0.80	£0.80	£0.00	0%
Up to 3 hours	£1.20	£1.30	£0.10	8%
Up to 4 hours	£1.70	£1.90	£0.20	12%
Over 6 hours	£2.70	£3.00	£0.30	11%

Season Ticket Prices

	Location	Type	£05/06	£06/07	Days	% increase
District Wide	Leamington Spa, Warwick & Kenilworth - Yearly	Yearly Long Stay Only	580	600	155	3%
	Leamington Spa, Warwick & Kenilworth - Monthly	Monthly Long Stay Only	60	62		3%
Leamington	St. Peters/Covent Garden	Pay on Foot	465	515	125	11%
	St. Peters/Covent Garden - Monthly	Pay on Foot	50	52.5		5%
	Pay on Foot - Yearly	Overnight	50	50		0%
	Royal Priors 50 passes only	Monthly Only	80	90		13%
	Adelaide Bridge 20 passes only	Yearly	350	390	100	11%
	Adelaide Bridge	Monthly	40	45		13%
	Rosefield Street 20 passes only	Yearly	350	390	100	11%
	Rosefield Street	Monthly	40	45		13%
	Leamington Old Town	Yearly	275	300	100	9%
		Monthly	30	35		17%
Warwick	St Nicholas Park 100 passes only	Yearly	275	330	100	20%
		Monthly	30	35		17%
	West rock 40 passes only	Yearly	275	330	100	20%
		Monthly	30	35		17%
	St Mary's Land Area 2150 passes only	Yearly	275	330	100	20%
		Monthly	30	35		17%
	St Mary's Land Area 4150 passes only	Yearly	275	330	100	20%
		Monthly	30	35		17%
	Linen Street 50 passes only	Yearly	500	550	100	10%
	Linen Street	Monthly	50	55		10%
Kenilworth	Square West 50 passes only	Yearly	275	300	100	9%
	Square West 50 passes only	Monthly	35	35		0%
	Abbey End 50 passes only	Yearly	275	300	100	9%
	Abbey End	Monthly	35	35		0%
Admin Charge	All season ticket amendments	Each amend	5	5		0%