

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – JOBS, ECONOMY AND
TRANSPORT**

11 February 2014

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

ON-STREET PARKING CHARGES

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To inform the Cabinet Member of investigations undertaken regarding the parking charges in on-street pay and display parking bays in Derbyshire and to recommend that interim charges, as listed in Appendix A, be advertised and introduced.

(2) **Information and Analysis**

Background

The County Council introduced a number of on-street pay and display parking bays in Bakewell, Buxton, Castleton and Chesterfield some years ago. The charges for parking in these bays were all set above the level of the parking charges in the District/Borough Council operated car parks within those towns. This was to make parking in off-street car parks a more attractive alternative to parking on-street. No changes have been made to the on-street pay and display charges since their introduction, whilst the charges in the District/Borough Council operated car parks have increased. In order to restore the balance, the charges in the on-street pay and display parking spaces need to be increased.

Officers Comments

The most straight forward way to make such a change would be to set the on-street car parking charge above the level for a comparable time period in the off-street District/Borough Council operated off-street car parks. If the charges were to be raised to the desired level in a single step it would, in some cases, represent a large increase. Bearing this in mind, it is suggested that interim levels be introduced, as shown in Appendix A, with the step to the desired charge level taking place after a further 12 to 24 months.

The appropriate level of charge for a stay of up to 30 minutes would vary dependent upon the charge in the District/Borough Council operated car parks for the same time limit. The 30 minutes stay is a facility that is often used for very short stay parking and has a high turnover. Furthermore, such short term parking is more likely to take place in the on-street parking places, which are

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generally closer to facilities than District/Borough Council car parks. For these reasons it is thought that the on-street parking charge for a 30 minutes stay need not be above the level of charge set in the District/Borough Councils for the same duration of stay.

In order to make the change, the new charges would need to be advertised in the local newspaper, the information on the ticket machines and internal software would require alteration. The cost of making such a change to the charge levels is relatively low as it would be done by notice, not by a new Traffic Regulation Order.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The cost of the public notice and changing the information on the pay and display machines is in the region of £5,000 and can be met from the Economy, Transport and Environment Services Revenue budget.

(4) **Legal Considerations** Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 states that it shall be the duty of every Local Authority exercising the functions in that Act (so far as practicable having regard to the matters listed below) to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities both on and off the highway.

The matters referred to above are:

- 1) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;
- 2) the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run; 2ii) the national air quality strategy prepared under Section 80 of the Environment Act 1995.
- 3) the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles; and
- 4) any other matters appearing to the Local Authority to be relevant.

Section 46A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 enables a local authority, by notice, to vary the charges it has prescribed to be paid for any vehicle left in a designated parking place.

Regulation 25 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders Regulations 1996 prescribes that the notice shall be published in a local newspaper at least 21 days before it is to come into force. The notice must specify the date on which

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it comes into force, identify each parking place to which it relates and specify for each the charges made at the date of the notice and the charges that will be payable when the notice comes into force.

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

(4) **Key Decision** Yes.

(5) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(6) **Background Papers** Held on file 44XT in Economy, Transport and Environment Services Department. Officer contact details – Dan O'Neill, extension 38166.

(7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That the changes to the on-street parking charges, listed in Appendix A, be advertised and introduced.

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Appendix A – List of increased charges

District/Borough Council	Off-street charges 2014	On-street charges	Interim increase	Desired Charge
High Peak Borough Council	<p>Buxton Up to 1 hour 80p 1-2 hours £1.30 2-4 hours £2.50 Over 4 hours, £3.00</p> <p>Castleton Up to 1 hour, £1.00 1-2 hours, £1.60 2-4 hours, £3.00 Over 4 hours £5.00</p>	<p>Buxton Up to 30 mins 40p Up to 1 hour 70p Up to 2 hours, £1.20 2-4 hours £2.50</p> <p>Castleton Up to 1 hour, £1.00 Up to 2 hours £1.60 Over 2 hours, £3.00 Over 4 hours £5.00</p>	<p>Buxton 50p £1.00 £1.50 £3.00</p> <p>Castleton £1.20 £1.80 £3.20 £5.50</p>	<p>Buxton 70p £1.00 £1.50 £3.00</p> <p>Castleton £1.20 £1.80 £3.20 £5.50</p>
Derbyshire Dales District Council	<p>Bakewell Up to 1 hour, £1.10 1-2 hours, £1.70 2-3 hours, £2.70 4 hours, £3.70</p>	<p>Up to 30 mins 40p Up to 1 hour- 70p Up to 2 hours - £1.20</p> <p>Up to 4 hours - £2.50</p>	<p>50p £1.00 £1.50</p> <p>£3.00</p>	<p>70p £1.30 £1.90</p> <p>£4.00</p>
Chesterfield Borough Council	<p>Up to 30 minutes 70p Up to 1 hour £1.20 1 – 2 hours, £2.40 2 – 3 hours, £3.60 4 hours £4.80</p>	<p>Up to 30 mins 50p (70p) Up to 1 hour, £1.30 Up to 2 hours, £1.70</p> <p>4 hours £3.00 (£3.30) Over 4 hours £5.50</p>	<p>70p £1.40 £2.00</p> <p>£3.50 £5.00</p>	<p>£1.00 £1.50 £2.50</p> <p>£3.80 £5.00</p>