

Agenda Item No. 4(d)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE**

5 October 2017

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities

COUNTRYSIDE SERVICE CHARGES 2018-20

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek Cabinet Member approval for the propose charges at Countryside Service sites for 2018-20.

(2) **Information and Analysis** The Countryside Service reviews its facility charges on a two year basis to minimise the implementation costs of changing charges associated with pay and display car parking. The current charges should, on this basis, be reviewed for April 2018.

Charges are currently set on the basis of one of three principles:

- It is accepted that the service is subsidised and set accordingly.
- The charge is set at “the going rate” by comparison with other similar facilities.
- The charge is the actual cost of providing the service.

On a practical note, many low charges are also rounded to figures that are easy to handle when considering change, etc.

The proposed charges for 2018-20 are attached. The rate of inflation for the last two years has been very low so for many low value charges it is not worth increasing them at this time. There are a number of exceptions to this:

- For car park charges, the original strategy was to increase these by 10% at each review until they reached a point where they reflected “the going rate” for other similar car parks and to reflect the costs of providing the Service. At present, it is felt that a 10% increase is justified. Parking charges can be amended by using the Notice of Variation procedure under the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. This involves publishing a notice setting out the new charges in a local newspaper and posting notices in Council car parks.
- For cycle hire, the charges also need to reflect “the going rate” with other providers in the area and to reflect costs of providing the Service. On this

basis, it is felt that an increase is justified. However, the electric bike charge was only introduced in August 2017 so it is proposed to keep it at that rate to establish itself.

- For a number of entry fees, hire of land and buildings, and staff based activities it was felt that charges needed increasing in order to better reflect the actual costs of providing the service.

(3) **Financial Considerations** As detailed in the report.

Other Considerations

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

(4) **Key Decision** No.

(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 within the Economy, Transport and Communities Department. Officer contact details – Chris Coombs, extension 39821.

(7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That the Cabinet Member approves the schedule of charges for 2018-20 as attached to the report.

Mike Ashworth
Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities

Countryside Charges Increase Calculator

Item			Current 2016-18	Amendments for 2017	Proposed 2018-20	Original method of setting charge	Comments
Car Parking	Cars etc	2 Hours	£1.40		£1.60	1 Going Rate	See notes 1
		4 Hours	£2.90		£3.00	1 Going Rate	See notes 1
		All Day	£4.40		£4.80	1 Going Rate	10% Increase
		Season	£72.60		£80.00	2 Subsidised	10% Increase
	Lorries/Coaches	2 Hours	£3.70		£4.10	1 Going Rate	10% Increase
		4 Hours	£5.80		£6.40	1 Going Rate	10% Increase
		All Day	£8.70		£9.60	1 Going Rate	10% Increase
		Season	£145.20		£160.00	1 Going Rate	10% Increase
	Special events (All vehicles)	Per day				2 Subsidised	To be seperately considered
	Willington (Cars)	1st Hour	Free		Free	2 Subsidised	
	Willington (Cars)	2 Hours	£1.40		£1.60	1 Going Rate	See notes 1
	Willington (Cars)	4 Hours	£2.60		£3.00	1 Going Rate	See notes 1
	Willington (Cars)	All Day	£4.40		£4.80	1 Going Rate	10% Increase
	Willington (Cars)	Season (subsidised)	£72.60		£80.00	1 Going Rate	10% Increase
	Willington (Cars)	Season	£260.00		£290.00	1 Going Rate	10% Increase
	Horseboxes	Annual Permit	£18.20		£20.00	2 Subsidised	10% Increase
Middleton Top Engine House		Adult	£2.70		£2.80	2 Subsidised	2% salary Inflation
		Child/Concession	£1.30		£1.35	2 Subsidised	2% salary Inflation
		Group Visits - Static	£70.00	£36/ hour / per member of staff	£72.00	3 At Cost	2% salary Inflation. Minimum 2 hour booking
		Group Visits - Working	£140.00	£36/ hour / per member of staff	£144.00	3 At Cost	2% salary Inflation. Minimum 2 hour booking and 2 staff members
High Peak Junction Admission and Audio Tour		Adult	£2.70	Free	Free	2 Subsidised	
		Child/Concession	£1.30	Free	Free	2 Subsidised	
		Family (2+3)	£6.90	Free	Free	2 Subsidised	
		Group Booking Rate	£70.00	£36/ hour / per member of staff	£72.00	3 At Cost	2% salary Inflation. Minimum 2 hour booking
		Audio Tour	£1.00		£1.10		5.4% CPI inflation
Chesterfield and Cromford Canals Canoeing/ Unpowered Boats	Per Boat Per Session	Derbyshire LEA Schools	£1.60		£1.70	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Other Schools	£1.60		£1.70	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Commercial Users	£2.70		£2.80	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Individual BCU Members	£25.00		Free		Now covered by licence arrangement with the BCU
		Individuals	£1.60		£1.70	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
Chesterfield Canal (only) Canoeing/ Unpowered Boats	1 Week Licence	Individual private boats	£7.00		£7.40	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
	(per 10 boats)	Non-profit groups	£25.00		£26.30	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Commercial groups	£50.00		£52.70	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
	Annual Licence	Individual private boats	£50.00		£52.70	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
	(per 10 boats)	Non-profit groups	£125.00		£130.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Commercial groups	£400.00		£420.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation

Chesterfield Canal Powered Boats	Per Boat	Per Day	£5.00		£5.30	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Per Week	£20.00		£21.10	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Annual Licence	£100.00		£105.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
Staff led activities	Day	Per Hour	£35.00		£36.00	3 At Cost	2% salary Inflation
	Evening	Per Hour	£35.00		£36.00	3 At Cost	2% salary Inflation
Events (Guided Walks etc)		Adult	£3.20		£3.30	2 Subsidised	2% salary Inflation
		Child/Concession	£1.60		£1.70	2 Subsidised	2% salary Inflation
		Family (2+3)	£8.00		£8.20	2 Subsidised	2% salary Inflation
		Under 5's	£0.00		Free	2 Subsidised	2% salary Inflation
Cycle Hire	Adult	3 Hours	£14.00		£14.80	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		All Day	£17.00		£17.90	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
	Child Bike/Buggy/Trailer	3 Hours	£10.00		£10.50	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		All Day	£12.00		£12.60	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
	Trailer (without hire bike)	3 Hours	£12.00		£12.60	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		All Day	£14.00		£14.80	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
	Child Sea/Helmet	-	£0.00		£0.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
	Tandem	3 Hours	£28.00		£29.50	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		All Day	£34.00		£35.80	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
	Group Booking Rate (per bike)	3 Hours	£9.00		£9.50	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		All Day	£11.00		£11.60	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
	Extended Hire	per extra day	£8.00		£8.40	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
	Electric Bike	3 Hours	£23.00		£23.00	1 Going Rate	Maintain unchanged as a new charge
		All Day	£27.00		£27.00	1 Going Rate	Maintain unchanged as a new charge
		per extra day (following first day hire)	£23.00		£23.00	1 Going Rate	Maintain unchanged as a new charge
	Cycle repairs	Labour only	£35.00		£36.00	3 At Cost	2% salary inflation Inflation
Tramper Hire		Annual Registration (including free use)	£21.00		£25.00	2 Subsidised	5.4% CPI inflation
		Per Hour Rate	£5.00		£5.30	2 Subsidised	5.4% CPI inflation
Commercial use of site (first 10 occasions)				£35 day	£36/ day	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
Firewood Sale	Seasoned (per bag)		£3.70		£3.90	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
	Unseasons, Unlogged (collected, per cubic meter) softwood		£29.00		£30.60	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
	Unseasons, Unlogged (collected, per cubic meter) hardwood				£35.00	1 Going Rate	New charge
Caravan Rallies (Shipley events field/Elvaston Caravan Site)		Minimum Charge (or 7 Units)	£65.00		£68.50	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Per unit Per Night	£9.00		£9.50	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
Car Rallies	Minimum Charge (or 10 units)		£40.00		£42.20	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
	Per Unit Per Day		£4.00		£4.20	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
	Per Unit day and night (including tent/caravan)		£9.00		£9.50	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
Elvaston Showground Hire (per day)	Full Showground (27 acres)	Reduced	£1,200.00		£1,265.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Standard	£1,500.00		£1,580.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Full	£1,800.00		£1,900.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
	1/2 Showground (13.5 acres)	Reduced	£700.00		£740.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Standard	£900.00		£950.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Full	£1,150.00		£1,210.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation

hardwood / softwood differential

Elvaston Showground Hire (per day)	1/4 Showground	Reduced	£400.00		£420.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Standard	£500.00		£530.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Full	£650.00		£685.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
	Set up/Set down fee per day (large events/full showground)	Reduced	£250.00		£265.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Standard	£250.00		£265.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Full	£350.00		£370.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
Events Field - Tapton/Shipley/ Elvaston	1/2 day	Reduced	£50.00		£53.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Standard	£100.00		£105.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Full	£250.00		£265.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
	Full Day	Reduced	£100.00		£105.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Standard	£200.00		£210.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Full	£500.00		£530.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
Managed Forest Schools site (Elvaston)	1/2 day	Reduced	£20.00		£21.10	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Standard	£30.00		£31.60	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
	Full Day	Reduced	£40.00		£42.10	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Standard	£50.00		£52.70	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
Room Hire - Green Room, Shipley/ Classroom, Elvaston	1/2 day	Reduced	£25.00		£26.30	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Standard	£35.00		£36.90	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Full	£65.00		£68.50	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
	Full Day	Reduced	£40.00		£42.20	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Standard	£60.00		£63.20	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Full	£120.00		£130.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
Exhibition Space (full day only/ excluding retail)		Reduced	£30.00		£31.60	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Standard	£40.00		£42.10	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Full	£50.00		£52.70	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
Gothic Hall, Elvaston	1/2 Day	Reduced	£120.00		£125.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Standard	£160.00		£170.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Full	£200.00		£210.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
	Full Day	Reduced	£240.00		£250.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Standard	£320.00		£340.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
		Full	£400.00		£420.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
Staff Time (support for event/opening or locking up)		Normal Hours	£35.00		£36 /hour	1 Going Rate	2% inflation Note 2
		Overtime	£35.00		£36 /hour	1 Going Rate	2% inflation note 2

Admin fee: e.g. all events not requiring a space for hire e.g 10k runs, Ramathon etc

Reduced (below £250 participants)	£15.00	£36 /hour	3 At cost	2% inflation. Now charged per hour. Note2
Full (large events i.e. over 250 participants)	£50.00	£36/hour	3 At cost	2% inflation. Now charged per hour. Note 2

Pitch fees (providers at DCC events)

Commercial provider/retail	£50.00	£52.70	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
Charity e.g. RSPB	£30.00	£31.60	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation

Old English Garden

Half day only/exclusive use	£100.00	£105.00	1 Going Rate	5.4% CPI inflation
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Methods of Setting Charges

- 1 By comparison (The going rate)
- 2 Reduced to encourage take up of service (Subsidised)
- 3 Charged at the cost of providing the service

Notes

All charges are inclusive of VAT

- 1 Existing car park charges have an anomaly in that the 4 hour charge is more than twice the 2 hour charge. The 18/20 prices have been adjusted to address this.
- 2 Charge is per member of staff