
TDC PARKING FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2014/15 – CABINET MEMBER RESPONSES TO MEMBER QUESTIONS

To: **Overview & Scrutiny Panel – 14 January 2014**

Main Portfolio Area: **Corporate**

By: **Charles Hungwe, Senior Democratic Services Officer**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **All**

Summary: The purpose of this cover report is to introduce the “Question & Answer Session” wherein Members of the Overview & Scrutiny Panel seek further clarifications on the rationale behind the level of Parking Fees & Charges that were recommended to Council by the Executive.

For Decision

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Panel invited Councillor Poole, Cabinet Member responsible for car parking facilities provided and maintained by Thanet District Council. Councillor Poole accepted the invitation.
- 1.2 The purpose of the Councillor Poole’s attendance is to respond to queries and questions from Members of the Panel regarding the level of car parking fees and charges for 2014/15. The draft parking fees and charges were agreed at Full Council as part of the Council Fees and Charges for 2014/15 on 5 December 2013.
- 1.3 Annex 1 to this report reflects the schedule of Fees and Charges for 2014/15. It highlights the proposed level of Parking Fees and Charges for 2014-15 that was recommended to Council by Cabinet.
- 1.4 Members may wish to note some of the highlights that were in the Council report. The report indicated that; “as a result of reviewing all the Council’s fees and charges, additional income of £141k is anticipated in 2014/15. Where increases are proposed, these are in the main between 1% and 2%.
- 1.5 Whilst the majority of the charges for car parking remain unchanged, the following amendments are proposed:
 - All off street car parks (with the exception of the harbour car parks) will be charged on a linear basis with a minimum charge of one hour;
 - There will be an increase in the charge for season discs for the off street car parks, as well as a change to the type of permits available and what car-parks they will cover;
 - A 10p charge will be introduced for the first 30 minutes at Albion Road car park in Birchington (this car park is currently free for the first 30 minutes). This

should help to stop the abuse of ticket machines through anti-social behaviour;

- Free Saturday parking will continue in Vere Road, Harold Road, Mill Lane and Leopold Street;
- The on-street charging period will change from 9am-7pm to 9am-6pm;
- Mill Lane will re-close at 7pm each evening from April 2014;
- Coach parking and HGV parking charges will increase by 14.29%.”

2.0 Corporate Implications

2.1 Financial and VAT

2.1.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

2.2 Legal

2.2.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

2.3 Corporate

2.3.1 Corporate priorities can only be delivered with robust finances. The proposed level of fees and charges are believed to be sufficient to meet these priorities by being incorporated into the budget.

2.4 Equality

2.4.1 There are no equity and equalities implications arising directly from this report. A full equity and equality impact will be undertaken on the budget proposals to accompany the report going to Cabinet in January 2014.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 That Members note the report and direct any further queries to the Cabinet Member for Operational Services.

4.0 Decision Making Process

4.1 The Overview & Scrutiny Panel can review any matter that affects the district and make recommendations to the appropriate person or body of Council.

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Annex List

Annex 1	Fees and Charges for 2014/15 Schedule
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Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	Sarah Martin, Financial Services Manager
Legal	Harvey Patterson, Corporate & Regulatory Services Manager