

## New Revised On and Off Street Parking Schemes following community feedback

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Portfolio Holder	<b>Cllr Lin Fairbrass, Cabinet Member for Community Safety &amp; Environmental Services</b>
Status	<b>for Decision</b>
Classification:	<b>Unrestricted</b>
Key Decision	<b>No</b>
Ward:	<b>Across the District - Various</b>

### Executive Summary:

On 27 April 2017 Cabinet agreed that the new parking scheme proposals for on and off street parking go out for community feedback. This was to gather initial views from the public before formally consulting on the proposals as part of statutory consultation, which is required when implementing new parking management orders for on-street parking.

An initial community feedback exercise was carried out 5 May to 6 June 2017.

Further feedback was sought from the Joint Transportation Board on 22 June 2017 in relation to the on-street parking elements only.

Cabinet is now being asked to approve the revised scheme prior to going out for formal statutory consultation for the on-street parking orders.

### Recommendation(s):

To approve the new revised parking schemes.

### CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

<b>Financial and Value for Money</b>	<p>Parking and waiting restrictions are funded, managed and enforced by the Thanet District Council using the decriminalisation budget. Any additional income from new on street parking schemes will be paid into the decriminalisation budget and any set up costs will be taken from this account.</p> <p>Any income from any new off street schemes will be paid into the councils general fund however set up costs will be taken from the decriminalisation budget. The proposed changes in Phase 1 will in part contribute towards the income generation targets built in to the 2017-18 budgets.</p>
<b>Legal</b>	<p>There are no identified financial implications at this time. Any future financial implications will need to be recognised as they become known and contained within the agreed budget for this project.</p>
<b>Corporate</b>	<p>New on and off street parking schemes will bring in new income which could be used to invest in further new schemes and helping maintain our current parking service. These schemes fit in with the council's corporate priorities and values of delivering value for money and promoting inward investment.</p>

<b>Equalities Act 2010 &amp; Public Sector Equality Duty</b>	Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	
	Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.	
	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.	
	Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	
	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	✓
Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.		
Some proposals will improve sightlines for drivers and pedestrians. Additionally, some waiting restrictions on corners and at junctions will discourage inconsiderate parking and improve pedestrian access to footways which can cause particular difficulties for those with restricted mobility, wheelchair users and parent with pushchairs or prams. This will be of benefit to both able bodied and disabled road users.		
The proposals allows for disabled badge holders to park within any pay and display bay by using their blue badge meeting the needs of persons with a protected characteristic.		
If any changes are made to the current legislation, parking areas or representations are received with a relevance to the Public Sector Equality Duty we will review our impact assessment. Officers reviewed community feedback and no comments relevant to the Equality Act 2010 and Public Sector Equality Duty were received.		

<b>CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓</b>	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	✓
Supporting neighbourhoods	✓

<b>CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓</b>	
Delivering value for money	✓
Supporting the Workforce	
Promoting open communications	

## 1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 There are a number of off-street car parking areas that are free of charge. By changing these areas to pay and display with an hourly charge in line with other areas additional revenue would be generated. Charging also helps with turnover of vehicles and marked parking bays help to deal with inconsiderate parking. Any revenue received would help with the running and maintenance costs of these areas.

- 1.2 There are a number of on-street parking areas around the district that could benefit by having a resident's parking scheme, pay and display or both. Some of these areas are currently time limited bays, which is not an effective system. Statutory consultation will take place before the introduction of any new on-street parking order.
- 1.3 All set up costs for the new on and off-street parking schemes will be paid for out of the decriminalisation budget. The Council has a partnership arrangement with Kent County Council to operate the on-street parking schemes on their behalf. The Decriminalisation budget is made up from the income received from on-street parking charges and can be used to support improvements in relation to parking management.
- 1.4 It is estimated that all phases of the newly proposed parking schemes will bring in additional annual revenue of approximately £390k per year.

## **2.0 Community feedback**

- 2.1 Community feedback on the new parking scheme proposals was carried out between 5 May and 6 June 2017. The Council received a total of 290 community submissions.
- 2.2 The Council also received an un-verified change.org petition of 1,029 signatories in relation to the Minnis Bay proposal. Although this petition did not meet the required standard for petitions under the Council's constitution because it did not contain full contact details of signatories the general point it raised has been taken into account for the Minnis Bay proposal.
- 2.3 The key areas of concern raised during this initial feedback gathering exercise were:
- Impact on businesses – 127 responses
  - General opposition to the schemes – 91 responses
  - Impact on residents – 60 responses
  - Increased charges – 49 responses
  - Impact on tourism – 7 responses
- 2.4 In terms of specific locations for the new parking schemes the main areas of concern were:
- Minster/Monkton – 92 responses
  - Minnis Bay – 65 responses and e-petition comments
  - Westgate – 55 responses

The remaining schemes received fewer concerns; Barnes Car Park (1), Birchington (8), Botany Bay (4), Joss Bay (7), Margate (1), Hartsdown (7), Ramsgate (2), Westbook (9), Winter Gardens (1) and Broadstairs (0).

The following schemes received support responses; Broadstairs (2), Minnis Bay (1), Ramsgate (2), Westbrook (3) and Westgate (2)

- 2.5 At the meeting of the Joint Transportation Board on 22 June 2017, the board unanimously recommended that the Cabinet rethinks the proposals.

### 3.0 Revised and amended parking schemes

- 3.1 Following the community feedback exercise a number of revisions to the new schemes are proposed:
- 3.2 **Phases 1, 2 & 3** – to implement the amended phases following community feedback and as outlined in Appendix 1.
- 3.3 **Minster / Monkton** – This scheme for two car parks is removed from the new scheme proposal and that officers continue to work with the parish council to transfer the car park assets to the Parish Council.
- 3.4 **Joss Bay & Minnis Bay** – The charge is reduced from £2.00 per hour to £1.50 and the time the charge commences is moved back from 9.00am to 10.00am.

### 4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 To approve the new revised parking schemes.

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### Annex List

Annex 1	revised phase 1 scheme for 2017-2018
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### Background Papers

Title	Where to access copy
None	N/A

### Corporate Consultation

<b>Finance</b>	Ramesh Prashar, Head of Financial Services
<b>Legal</b>	Sophia Nartey, Interim Head of Legal Services