

OUTCOME OF TRO PROCESS

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Transport Group

TITLE OF REPORT: Off Street parking - Review parking and permit charges

PROPOSAL: Change to the charges for off street parking

SCHEME REF No: 22-021

REPORT AUTHOR: Andrew Dunn, Team Manager - Parking

1. DELEGATION

The delegation to be exercised in this report is contained within **Section 4** of the Constitution under the **Delegation of Functions to Officers**, as follows:

Section A	The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors, Divisional Directors and Heads of Service have delegated power to take any decision falling within their area of responsibility....”
Section B	Without prejudice to the generality of this, Officers are authorised to: serve any notices and make, amend or revoke any orders falling within his/her area of responsibility.
Section D9	An Officer to whom a power, duty or function is delegated may nominate or authorise another Officer to exercise that power, duty or function, provided that Officer reports to or is responsible to the delegator.

For the purposes of this report, the Director of Place Management holds the delegated power to make, amend or revoke any Orders.

2. LEGAL AUTHORITY

This proposal is made in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, section 35 (Variation of charges at off-street parking places). An order under section 35(1)(a)(iii) of this Act makes provision as to the charges to be paid in connection with the use of off-street parking places, the authority making that order may vary those charges by notice given under this section.

3. PROPOSAL

In line with Parking Services savings proposals agreed in the February 2022 budget setting process by Full Council, the Cabinet Member has agreed to implement a range of proposals affecting off street parking charges designed to meet these savings and facilitate the achievement of strategic outcomes of local transport policy. These are summarised below:

1. Proposed Bath car park charges
2. Proposed Keynsham car park charges
3. Proposed car park season ticket charges
4. Proposed new tariff to facilitate electric vehicle charging in long stay car parks

5. Proposed charges for reserved space parking permits in residents permit holder only car parks
6. Proposed permit holders only parking for Southview Road car park, Bath
7. Proposed new seasonal parking charges at The Shallows car park in Saltford
8. Proposed new charges for parking at Park and Ride car parks for those not using the park and ride service
9. Removal of the 10% residents parking saver discount in car parks
10. Removal of the 10p fee in car parks when using MiPermit

Details of proposals (1) to (8) are set out in-Appendix 1 to 8 on report numbers 1,2 and 3.

In addition to the above proposals, it's also recommended that the following article is amended to address a historic anomaly from:

10. The vehicles permitted to park in the off street parking places specified in column 1 of Schedule 4 are:
 - (a) coaches at any time;
 - (b) heavy goods vehicles between 8.00 p.m. and 8.00 a.m.; and
 - (c) light goods vehicles between 8.00 p.m. and 8.00 a.m.

To:

10. The vehicles permitted to park in the off-street parking places specified in column 1 of Schedule 6 are:
 1. Coaches at any time.

4. BACKGROUND

These proposals have been developed aimed to improve air quality through a major shift to public transport, walking and cycling and incentives to reduce the use of vehicles in order to secure the safer movement of pedestrian traffic on the highway by reducing the public health risks posed to them by air pollution.

These proposals are also aimed to facilitate the achievement of strategic outcomes of local transport policy by reducing congestion and vehicle intrusion into neighbourhoods, and particularly residential neighbourhoods and align with the Council policy on Liveable Neighbourhoods and the Journey to net zero.

Air quality impacts on pedestrian safety, managing traffic flows and availability of parking are all significant issues in our region. Whilst the proposals are a separate standalone scheme, they are complimentary to other projects aimed at addressing these issues, including but not limited to the following:

- a) Promoting a major shift to public transport, walking and cycling, with incentives to reduce the use of more polluting vehicles, in accordance with the UK government National Air Quality Strategy
- b) Improving the safety of cyclists and pedestrians through active travel schemes which rebalance priorities on our roads and build on social distancing needs
- c) Introducing and managing a Clean Air Zone in central Bath, to encourage less polluting ways of travelling around the city
- d) Liveable Neighbourhoods policy and work concerning reducing the effect of motor vehicles on neighbourhoods, particularly residential neighbourhoods.

In order to develop a fair and balanced package of proposals to meet traffic management and pedestrian safety purposes, regard has been given (to an extent permissible with the requirements under s.122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984) to a range of issues which appear to the Council to be relevant, including potential impacts on residents; commerce; tourism; carbon footprint and air quality; and transportation.

On 11 February 2022, the Council's Cabinet approved proposals (Report E3321) to review car parking and car park permit charges as part of the budget setting process for 2022/23. The proposals to achieve these savings totals are outlined in section 3 of this report.

On 5 May 2022, the Council's Cabinet agreed to proposals for a new Park and Ride contract for Bath (report E3357). The new contract operates on a gross cost basis with the Council retaining future risk regarding to patronage. Within this report it was also agreed that parking charges could be implemented to any users to help offset the increased costs and operation of the service to ensure it remains viable. This is included within proposal (8) in section 3 of this report.

5. SOURCE OF FINANCE

Implementation of these proposals are to be funded from existing revenue budgets.

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6. INFORMAL CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT

Informal consultation was carried out with the Chief Constable, Ward Members and the Cabinet Member for Transport.

The responses to the informal consultation can be found in TRO report number 3.

7. OBJECTIONS / COMMENTS RECEIVED (following the public advertisement of the proposal(s))

The objection / comments received have been summarised in Appendix 1 attached.

8. RECOMMENDATION

That the Traffic Regulation Order is adjusted as described below and sealed.



Paul Garrod
Traffic Management & Network Manager

Date: 10th October 2022

9. DECISION

As the Officer holding the above delegation, I have decided that the objections / comments be:

a)	not acceded to and the Order as advertised be sealed.																													
b)	acceded to in full and the proposal(s) withdrawn.																													
c)	<p>acceded to in part and the following adjustments, being of minor significance; be included in the Order to be sealed.</p> <p><i>specify minor amendment to Order here:</i></p> <p>Row 9 of schedule one of the draft Off Street Parking North East Somerset Order as proposed states:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td rowspan="2">9.</td> <td rowspan="2">The Shallows, Saltford</td> <td>1 April to 30 September inclusive, 8am to 8pm everyday including bank holiday</td> <td>Up to 1 hours Up to 2 hours Up to 3 hours</td> <td>£0.30 £0.60 £0.90</td> <td rowspan="2">3 hours</td> <td>4 hours</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 October to 31 March inclusive, 8am to 8pm everyday including bank holiday.</td> <td>Up to 1 hours Up to 2 hours Up to 3 hours</td> <td>£0.00 £0.00 £0.00</td> <td>With a valid parking permit</td> </tr> </table> <p>It needs to be amended to:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td rowspan="2">9.</td> <td rowspan="2">The Shallows, Saltford</td> <td>1 April to 30 September inclusive, 8am to 8pm everyday including bank holiday</td> <td>Up to 1 hours Up to 2 hours Up to 3 hours</td> <td>£0.30 £0.60 £0.90</td> <td rowspan="2">3 hours</td> <td>4 hours</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 October to 31 March inclusive, 8am to 8pm everyday including bank holiday.</td> <td>Up to 1 hours Up to 2 hours Up to 3 hours</td> <td>£0.00 £0.00 £0.00</td> <td>3 hours</td> <td>4 hours</td> </tr> </table> <p>This is to ensure appropriate enforcement during the off peak season.</p>						9.	The Shallows, Saltford	1 April to 30 September inclusive, 8am to 8pm everyday including bank holiday	Up to 1 hours Up to 2 hours Up to 3 hours	£0.30 £0.60 £0.90	3 hours	4 hours	1 October to 31 March inclusive, 8am to 8pm everyday including bank holiday.	Up to 1 hours Up to 2 hours Up to 3 hours	£0.00 £0.00 £0.00	With a valid parking permit	9.	The Shallows, Saltford	1 April to 30 September inclusive, 8am to 8pm everyday including bank holiday	Up to 1 hours Up to 2 hours Up to 3 hours	£0.30 £0.60 £0.90	3 hours	4 hours	1 October to 31 March inclusive, 8am to 8pm everyday including bank holiday.	Up to 1 hours Up to 2 hours Up to 3 hours	£0.00 £0.00 £0.00	3 hours	4 hours	X
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In taking this decision, I confirm that due regard has been given to the Council's public sector equality duty, which requires it to consider and think about how its policies or decisions may affect people who are protected under the Equality Act.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Major', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Major
Director for Place Management

Date: 17/10/2022