

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Urgent report re amendments to Bromsgrove District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2017

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllr Karen May
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Guy Revans
Ward(s) Affected	All
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	N/A
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 This report is being submitted as an urgent item in relation to the proposed District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2017. There is already an item on the agenda for Full Council to approve the revised fees and charges for the proposed 2017 order. In addition this report asks Members to approve minor amendments to Schedule 1 of the proposed 2017 order to include the car park at the former market hall site. Secondly, that members agree to the fees for this car park being inserted into the fees and charges schedule for car parking.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the version of Schedule 1 of the proposed Bromsgrove District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2017 as approved by Cabinet on 07 December 2016 be amended in accordance with Appendix 1.
- 2.2 That Members approve the amended revised schedule of fees and charges for parking (as attached at Appendix 2), the revised fees to come into effect from the date of adoption of the new car parking order.

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 As the recommendations in this report seek primarily to rationalise existing charges rather than to introduce new ones, it is anticipated that any effect on car parking revenue will be minimal.
- 3.2 There will be costs involved in updating the signage for the various car park pay and display machines and tariff boards.

Legal Implications

- 3.3 Bromsgrove District Council operates a system of providing off street parking for residents under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The legislation allows the

Council to designate off street car parks (Section 32) and regulate their operation, including the levying of charges through a local parking order (Section 35). The current parking order in force is the Bromsgrove District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2015.

- 3.4 The process for updating the order is prescribed by the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.5 At its meeting on 07 December 2016 Cabinet resolved to agree a number of updates to the District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2015. The changes related to certain parts of the existing order that are now out of date due to changes to car parks in the centre of Bromsgrove and following the opening of the new Bromsgrove station. Cabinet approved the changes to the wording of the car parking order and recommended that Council approve the revised fees and charges.
- 3.6 The next stage is for Council to approve the revised fees and charges. However, due to progress with the development at the market hall site, this report is being submitted as an urgent item to Full Council. At the time the original changes to the car parking order were drafted work at the development site on the former Hanover Street car park was at the very initial stages. For that reason officers did not include the car park in the revised car parking order. However, over the last couple of months there has been rapid progress on site and the construction of the new Waitrose store is now well underway. The Council are looking to take on the car park at the end of March and to enable the car parking order to be in place for that date, and to avoid the unnecessary costs of advertising the order twice, officers are proposing that the details of the car park be inserted into the proposed 2017 order.
- 3.7 Members are asked to note that the name of the car park is being changed from Hanover Street Car Park to St John Street Car Park. The additional changes Members are being asked to approve in this report are highlighted in yellow on the attached appendices:-
- Appendix 1 – Schedule 1 of the proposed 2017 car parking order
 - Appendix 2 - Amended Revised Schedule of Fees and Charges for Bromsgrove District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2017
- 3.8 The final stage of the process will be for the proposed car parking order to be formally advertised and consulted on. The rules around consultation require that the Council must wait at least 6 weeks from the date of advertising the order until it can be approved.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.7 There are no significant customer/ equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 If action is not taken to include St John Street car park in the current amendments to the car parking order that are going through the decision making process, there might be a delay in bringing the car park into operation and to the ability of the Council to start charging fees for the car park.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Bromsgrove District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2017

Appendix 2 - Revised Schedule of Fees and Charges for Bromsgrove District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2017

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report to Cabinet dated 07 December 2016: Amendments to update the Bromsgrove Car Parking Order

7. KEY

N/A

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