

## **BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURES**

**Subject:** Confirmation of the final version of table of car parking charges to be introduced in the (Bromsgrove District Council (Off- Street Places) Order 2024

#### **Brief Statement of Subject Matter:**

At Cabinet on 14<sup>th</sup> February and at Council on 21<sup>st</sup> February Members considered and approved the report on the Medium Term Financial (including Treasury Management Strategy, Capital Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision and Investment Strategy) (Tranche 2). Part of the report included provision for an increase in car parking income alongside other measures including making 0 to 30 minute parking stays free of charge, extending the non-chargeable hours of operation and free parking for blue badge holders.

In working through the practical steps to draft the new parking order and implement it, officers have noticed some small discrepancies between the table that was presented to Members on 21<sup>st</sup> February and the final version that will need to be publicised to meet the consultation requirements under the car parking legislation. In summary the points picked up on are: -

- That the charging band of 3 hours for Windsor Street is new and is a change from the previous charges.
- Taking into consideration that charging hours are being reduced to apply from 08:00 to 18:00 only, the charging bands on the original table for Recreation Road South Car Park have had to be amended. The maximum charging period on the new pricing structure will be 10 hours (as opposed to 14 previously). The proposed charging point for this period is £11.00.
- For clarity of reference, officers are proposing to include the prices for parking permits in the amended table. As agreed by members the prices of parking permits are being held at £320 with the exception of Churchfields Multi Storey which is not currently in use and will be removed temporarily from the Car Parking Order. Under the new order the term used for the remaining parking permits will be "Season Tickets".

The revised table of charges is attached as an appendix to this decision. Essentially it has been expanded for clarity and to support the consultation exercise/ introduction of the new order and to reflect the reduction in charging hours at Recreation Road South. Officers are mindful that the information publicised regarding the new charges should be as accurate as possible so as to be clear for car park users and to minimise the risk of any challenge to the new charges being introduced.

**Decision: That the revised parking charges for as set out in the updated table attached above be approved and be included in the new Bromsgrove District Council (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2024**

**Date:**

**RESOLVED:**

**Grounds for Urgency:**

There is a statutory consultation process set out in the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 which must be followed where a local authority seeks to introduce a new parking order. This process takes a minimum of at least 6 weeks to complete and includes publicising the new order to residents and car park users, placing a press notice in the local paper, a 21 day consultation period and a further period to allow for consideration of any comments received. Officers are working to launch the process as soon as possible to enable the new charges to come into effect at the end of the 6 week period. In the circumstances waiting until the next Council meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May to seek Member approval for the decision is not felt to be appropriate and would add an additional 4 weeks to the process of introducing the new charges.

**DECISION APPROVED BY:**

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