



Report of Parking Manager

Report to Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation)

Date: 22 October 2019

Subject: Parking Price Review 2019

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Beeston & Holbeck, Little London & Woodhouse, Hunslet & Riverside	
Has consultation been carried out?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	

Summary

1. Main issues

- The prices for parking in Council operated spaces in Leeds are reviewed annually to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the City.
- Rather than implementing a general increase in tariffs, an in depth review has been undertaken on a street by street basis, considering current usage, other parking facilities nearby and any other local factors.
- A number of changes are proposed as a result of this review.

2. Best Council Plan Implications

- The proposal is intended to improve the operation of the Council's parking asset. This contributes to improving transport which is an objective for the Sustainable Infrastructure priority. Parking charges are part of the Council's strategy for reducing congestion on the road network and improving air quality.

3. Resource Implications

- All costs can be met from existing revenue budgets in parking services.

4. Recommendations

- The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to :
 - i) note and approve the contents of this report; and
 - ii) instruct the City Solicitor to advertise the draft Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) as outlined in section 3 below and, if no valid objections are received, to request that the City Solicitor make, seal and implement the order as advertised.

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To seek authority to implement some amendments to parking tariffs in Council operated parking spaces.

2. Background information

- 2.1 In general usage is high across the estate. It is estimated that patronage has increased by around 5% from the previous year. Within this there are local variations and the intention of this review is to identify these variations and adjust the tariffs accordingly.
- 2.2 In November 2013 the parking areas were re-organised into 14 separate tariff bands. The review has confirmed that these areas are still appropriate and therefore they will be retained. Due to software capacity it is not possible to have an unlimited number of tariffs.
- 2.3 The review has also included a check on prices in private car parks and across the Core Cities.

3. Main issues

The proposals are outlined below.

3.1 Off street

There are no changes in the following areas:

- Beckett Street Car Park
- Kirkstall Road Car Park
- Burley Road Car Park
- Gledhow Road Car Park
- Castle Street Car Park

3.1.1 Woodhouse Lane Car Park

Charges apply at all times								
	2 hrs	3 hrs	4 hrs	6 hrs	12 hrs	14 hrs	24 hrs	7 days
Current	£2.20	£4.40	£6.50	£7	£7.50	£8	£12	£44
Proposed	£2.20	£4.40	£6.50	£7	£8	£9	£14	£48

3.1.2 Central Car Parks

Monday – Saturday								
	30 min	1 hr	90 min	2 hr	5 hr	8 hr	Over 8 hr	Evenings
Current	£1	£1.60	£2.60	£3.50	£5.00	£7.50	£7.80	£3
Proposed	£1.20	£1.80	£2.80	£3.70	£5.20	£7.70	£8	£3.20

3.1.3 International Pool Car Park

	1 hr	2 hr	5 hr	Over 5 hr	Evenings
Current	£1.70	£3.30	£4.30	£7.80	£3.00
Proposed	£1.90	£3.50	£4.50	£8	£3.20

3.2 On Street

The prices below refer to Monday – Friday only. Weekend prices are unchanged except for evenings which will rise from £3 to £3.20 in line with the rest of the week.

3.2.1 Park Square

	20 min	40 min	1 hr	90 min	2 hr	4 hr	5 hr	Evenings
Current	£1	£1.90	£2.60	£4.20	£5.00	£6.20	£7.20	£3
Proposed	£1.10	£2	£2.80	£4.40	£5.20	£6.50	£7.50	£3.20

3.2.2 Central and Very Central short stay

	20 min	40 min	1 hr	90 min	2 hr	Evenings
Current	£1	£1.90	£2.60	£4.20	£5.00	£3
Proposed	£1.10	£2	£2.80	£4.40	£5.20	£3.20

3.2.3 Leylands & Bowman Lane

	2 hrs	4 hrs	6 hrs	8 hrs	10 hrs
Current	£1.75	£2.25	£3.85	£5	£5.45
Proposed	£1.90	£2.40	£4	£5.20	£5.60

3.2.4 South Central

	2 hrs	4 hrs	6 hrs	8 hrs	10 hrs
Current	£1.35	£1.85	£3.25	£4.15	£5.15
Proposed	£1.50	£2	£3.50	£4.30	£5.30

3.2.5 South Outer

	2 hrs	4 hrs	6 hrs	8 hrs	10 hrs
Current	£1.25	£2	£2.45	£2.65	£2.85
Proposed	£1.40	£2.20	£2.60	£2.80	£3

3.2.6 Templars

	2 hrs	4 hrs	6 hrs	8 hrs	10 hrs
Current	£1.50	£2	£3.60	£4.80	£5.20
Proposed	£1.70	£2.20	£3.80	£5	£5.40

3.2.7 North & West

	1 hr	2 hr	5 hr	Over 5 hr	Evenings
Current	£1.70	£3.30	£4.30	£7.80	£3.00
Proposed	£1.90	£3.50	£4.50	£8	£3.20

3.3 District car parks

3.3.1 Most district car parks are free and it is not proposed to introduce charges now. An exception is 3 car parks in Otley which charge 40p per hour. No increase is proposed here.

4 Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

4.1.1 The Executive Member for Environment and Active Lifestyles and the relevant ward members have been consulted on these proposals.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

4.2.1 An Equality Screening Document has been completed for this proposal and is attached. The conclusion of the assessment is that there is no impact on Equality, Diversity or Integration. Currently most Council car parks have a number of spaces specifically identified for disabled users. The Council also provides free parking both on and off street for blue badge holders. Both of these measures are unaffected by the proposed price changes.

4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan

4.3.1 The proposal is intended to improve the operation of the Council's parking asset. This contributes to improving transport which is an objective for the Sustainable Infrastructure priority. Parking charges are part of the Council's strategy for reducing congestion on the road network and improving air quality

Climate Emergency

4.3.2 This proposal only involves minor works and is unlikely to a significant impact. As higher prices may make driving into the City Centre less attractive it could lead to a reduction in car journeys as customers choose a different mode of transport such as park and ride. We will continue to offer free parking to Ultra Low Emission vehicle permit holders in all Council pay parking spaces.

4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money

- 4.4.1 It is difficult to predict the exact financial impact of the proposed price rise but the estimate is that overall effect of these changes will be additional revenue of approximately £60,000.

4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in

- 4.5.1 This report is eligible for call in as it is a key decision.

4.6 Risk management

- 4.6.1 The main risk is introducing a price regime that is uncompetitive and leads to lower occupancy, representing poor use of the parking asset and increased congestion. The effect of the changes will be closely monitored following its introduction.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 A review of the prices and tariff bands relating to Council managed spaces in Leeds has been carried out and a number of amendments are appropriate in order to respond to changes in demand.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to:

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7 Background documents¹

- 7.1 None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.