

Parking price review

Date: 31st October 2022

Report of: Parking Manager

Report to: Chief Officer Elections & Regulatory

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

- The Council usually reviews parking prices each year but due to the uncertainty caused by Covid this has not taken place since 2019.
- 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.

Recommendations

The Chief Officer Elections & Regulatory is requested to :

- 1) Note and approve the contents of this report :
- 2) Instruct the City solicitor to advertise Notices in the press and on the relevant streets under the provisions of section 35C of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to vary the tariffs for on street parking as detailed in paragraph 2 below

What is this report about?

1 The review of parking charges in the Council's on and off street parking spaces.

What impact will this proposal have?

2.1 In Leeds the parking tariffs are organised into 14 separate tariff areas. 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.

2.2 At present there is a significant difference in usage between short stay and long stay parking. Allowing for the loss of spaces due to development and changes in the road network, the demand for short stay parking has recovered to pre covid levels. However long stay parking at Woodhouse Lane car park, which accounts for 30% of the total spaces, is showing a reduction of about 20%. Within the overall changes there are local variations and the intention of the review is to identify these variations and adjust the tariffs accordingly. The review has also taken included a check on prices in private car parks and across the Core Cities.

2.3 There are no changes in the following areas :

- Beckett Street Car Park
- Woodhouse Lane Car Park
- Otley car parks
- On street at Dolly Lane, Shakespeare Street & Neptune Street

2.3.1 There are no changes to the day prices on Sundays. In areas with a separate Saturday price this is also unchanged.

2.4.1 West Street Car Park

<u>Monday – Saturday</u>								
	<u>30 min</u>	<u>1 hr</u>	<u>90 min</u>	<u>2 hr</u>	<u>5 hr</u>	<u>8 hr</u>	<u>Over 8 hr</u>	<u>Evenings</u>
Current	£1	£1.60	£2.50	£3	£4.00	£7.50	£7.50	£3.20
Proposed	£1.20	£1.80	£2.80	£3.70	£5.20	£8	£8.50	£3.60

2.4.2 Hunslet Lane Car Park

<u>Monday – Saturday</u>								
	<u>2 hrs</u>	<u>1 hr</u>	<u>90 min</u>	<u>2 hr</u>	<u>5 hr</u>	<u>8 hr</u>	<u>Over 8 hr</u>	<u>Evenings</u>
Current	£1.20	£1.80	£2.80	£3.70	£5.20	£7.70	£8	£3.20
Proposed	£1.30	£2	£3	£4	£5.40	£7.90	£8.20	£3.60

2.4.3 Burley Road & Kirkstall Road car parks

Monday – Friday

	<u>2 hrs</u>	<u>4 hrs</u>	<u>6 hrs</u>	<u>8 hrs</u>	<u>10 hrs</u>	<u>Evenings</u>
Current	£1.20	£1.80	£2.80	£3.70	£5.20	£3.20
Proposed	£1.30	£2	£3	£4	£5.40	£3.60

2.5 On Street

The prices below refer to Monday – Friday only. Weekend prices are unchanged except for evenings which will rise from £3.20 to £3.60 in line with the rest of the week. Only the central spaces have an evening charge and charges will continue to end at 6pm in other areas

2.5.1 Park Square

	<u>20 min</u>	<u>40 min</u>	<u>1 hr</u>	<u>90 min</u>	<u>2 hr</u>	<u>4 hr</u>	<u>5 hr</u>	<u>Evenings</u>
Current	£1.10	£2	£2.80	£4.40	£5.20	£6.50	£7.50	£3.20
Proposed	£1.30	£2.20	£3.10	£4.70	£5.50	£6.90	£7.90	£3.60

2.5.2 Central and Very Central short stay

	<u>20 min</u>	<u>40 min</u>	<u>1 hr</u>	<u>90 min</u>	<u>2 hr</u>	<u>Evenings</u>
Current	£1.10	£2	£2.80	£4.40	£5.20	£3.20
Proposed	£1.30	£2.20	£3.10	£4.70	£5.50	£3.60

2.5.3 Leylands & Bowman Lane

	<u>2 hrs</u>	<u>4 hrs</u>	<u>6 hrs</u>	<u>8 hrs</u>	<u>10 hrs</u>
Current	£1.90	£2.50	£3.70	£5.20	£5.60
Proposed	£2	£2.70	£4	£5.40	£5.80

2.5.4 South Central & North Outer

	<u>2 hrs</u>	<u>4 hrs</u>	<u>6 hrs</u>	<u>8 hrs</u>	<u>10 hrs</u>
Current	£1.50	£2	£3.50	£4.30	£5.30
Proposed	£1.60	£2.20	£3.70	£4.50	£5.50

2.5.5 South Outer

	<u>2 hrs</u>	<u>4 hrs</u>	<u>6 hrs</u>	<u>8 hrs</u>	<u>10 hrs</u>
Current	£1.40	£2.20	£2.60	£2.80	£3
Proposed	£1.50	£2.30	£2.80	£3	£3.20

2.5.6 Templars

	<u>2 hrs</u>	<u>4 hrs</u>	<u>6 hrs</u>	<u>8 hrs</u>	<u>10 hrs</u>
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Current	£1.70	£2.20	£3.80	£5	£5.40
Proposed	£1.80	£2.30	£4	£5.20	£5.60

2.5.7 North & West

	<u>1 hr</u>	<u>2 hr</u>	<u>5 hr</u>	<u>Over 5 hr</u>	<u>Evenings</u>
Current	£1.90	£3.50	£4.50	£8	£3.20
Proposed	£2	£3.70	£4.80	£8.20	£3.60

2.5.8 Leylands & Bowman Lane

	<u>2 hr</u>	<u>4 hr</u>	<u>6 hr</u>	<u>8 hr</u>	<u>10 hr</u>
Current	£1.90	£2.50	£3.70	£5.20	£5.60
Proposed	£2	£3.70	£4	£5.40	£5.80

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.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing Inclusive Growth Zero Carbon

- 3 The proposal is intended to improve the operation of the Council's parking asset. This contributes to improving transport by reducing congestion on the road network which is part of the strategy for inclusive growth. 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. A reduction in traffic and congestion also contributes towards better air quality.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

- 4 The Executive Member for Environment & Housing has been consulted.

What are the resource implications?

- 5 There are set up costs for legal work, updating signs and updating the software on the machines. These can be met from the parking services revenue budget.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

- 6 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.

What are the legal implications?

- 7 This is a significant operational decision and it is eligible for call in. The changes require that the Council update our Parking Places Orders and advertise the changes on site.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

- 8 The alternative would be to leave the prices at the current level, or to reduce them. Neither is supported by the review and if either were implemented there would be an impact on the Council's revenue position.

How will success be measured?

- 9 The expectation is that usage will continue at current levels and revenues will improve.

What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?

- 10 The proposed implementation date is 10 January 2023.

Appendices

- 11 ECDI screening Document