

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Head of Highways (Traffic and Safety)
<b>Date:</b>	23 December 2024
<b>Title:</b>	On-Street Parking Charges
<b>Report From:</b>	Marc Samways - Highway Manager (Traffic & Safety)

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the County Council's on-street parking charges for 'pay and display' parking are amended following increases applied by the district and borough councils of Eastleigh, Gosport, New Forest and Winchester to their off-street car park tariffs.

### 2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1 Aligning on-street parking tariffs with charges set by the district and borough councils for their nearby car parks, helps reduce potential for drivers seeking out the cheapest parking option rather than the most suitable place to park

### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 An option considered and rejected is to keep charges at their current level  
The risk of on street charges falling out of sync or below off street could cause a negative impact on parking management and imbalance between a parking system that currently works well.

### 4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

### 5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

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23/12/2024

**Adrian Gray, Head of Highways (Traffic and Safety)**  
**On behalf of the Director of Universal Services**

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### Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an increase to on street parking charges in Eastleigh, Gosport, New Forest and Winchester. This report sets out the proposed charging levels to be approved.

### Recommendation

- 2 To increase on-street parking tariff charges in Eastleigh, Gosport, New Forest and Winchester. The increases are proposed to align tariffs between off-street and on-street parking.

### Executive Summary

- 3 The proposed tariff changes have been carefully considered in relation to the district off-street tariff increases. A fundamental requirement for the parking service is to ensure that it operates on a full cost recovery basis with all associated expenditure covered by income from Penalty Charge Notices, residential parking permit income and revenue from on-street chargeable parking. Keeping charges, including those for on-street pay and display parking, under review is key requirement and enables continuity in parking management.
- 4 Eastleigh, Gosport, New Forest and Winchester have or are imminently increasing parking charges in off-street car parks. As such Hampshire proposes to increase its on-street charges to reflect the increased tariffs for off street.
- 5 The risk of not increases the charges would cause an imbalance in which motorist compete for the “cheaper” parking on-street, which in turn can cause congestion, higher idling time waiting for a space, circling etc. The on and off-street parking tariffs when linked improve parking management.
- 6 The process of amending the on-street tariffs can be accommodated with existing staff resources however there is a cost to amending the tariff stickers and associated parking machine information.
- 7 After the revised parking charges have been implemented Hampshire parking services will continue to monitor on street charges in relation to off street charges.

Location	Existing time limits	Current charge	Proposed charge
<b>Gosport - Marine Parade</b>	Hourly charge	£1.00	£1.50
	All day over 5 hours (maximum stay)	£6.00	£9.00
<b>Winchester</b>			
Andover Road, Victoria Road, Upper High Street, Tower Street, St Peter's Street, North Walls, Water Lane, Parchment Street, The Square, Market Lane, Colebrook Street, The Broadway	Up to 1 hour	£1.80	£1.90
North Walls South Side	Up to 1 hour	£1.80	£1.90
	Up to 90 minutes	£2.50	£2.60
	UP to 2 hours	£3.30	£3.40
<b>Eastleigh</b>			
Town centre - Market Street, Blenheim Rd, Leigh Road, High Street	Up to 30 minutes	60p	£1.00p
	Up to 1 hour	£1.60	£2.00p
Chestnut Avenue	Up to 4 hours	£1.70	£1.80
	All day	£3.70	£3.80
<b>New Forest</b>			
Lymington High Street	20mins free	£0	£0
	Up to 1 hour	£1.00	£1.50

	Up to 2 hours	£2.00	£3.10	8 Any

changes to on-street parking charges are subject to the Traffic Order process and therefore formal notices of the changes will be advertised, giving the opportunity for the public and local stakeholders to make comment on the proposals.

### Contextual Information

- 9 Agency agreements with districts returned to Hampshire for on street parking with the final district, Winchester, returning in October 2023. The County Council now has full responsibility for all aspects of on street parking. In most cases the Hampshire Districts and Boroughs remain responsible for off street parking within car parks. The County Council operates one off-street car park, this being the Durngate car park in Winchester.
- 10 In previous years when districts operated both on street and off-street, tariff increases would usually apply across both services. This would ensure continuity between on street and off-street as both complement one another. On street parking is generally charged at the same rate as the nearby car parks or slightly higher, particularly in town centre locations.
- 11 The proposed changes to income, as a result of the proposed tariffs, is set out in table below however it should be noted that increased charges may force some users to park elsewhere.
- 12 The cost of the change to tariffs, signs, advertising and machine updates, is estimated at £2000.

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<b>Total Annual Income (all on-street districts and Durngate)</b>	£	<b>886,680.91</b>
<b>Potential income following increase:</b>	£	<b>1,012,359.32</b>
<b>Estimated additional income:</b>	£	<b>125,678.41</b>

- 14 The tariff increase proposed is set out below.

### Equalities Impact Assessment

15 It is considered that the proposal to increase tariffs as set out for on-street chargeable parking will have a neutral impact on all protected groups as existing service delivery would be unaffected.

### **Climate Change Impact Assessments**

16 Hampshire County Council utilises two decision-making tools to assess the carbon emissions and resilience of its projects and decisions. These tools provide a clear, robust, and transparent way of assessing how projects, policies and initiatives contribute towards the County Council's climate change targets of being carbon neutral and resilient to the impacts of a 2°C temperature rise by 2050. This process ensures that climate change considerations are built into everything the Authority does.

### **Climate Change Adaptation**

17 The climate change tool was not applicable because this report relates to the tariff charged to users of the County Council's on-street chargeable parking schemes only and not to physical infrastructure.

### **Carbon Mitigation**

18 Whilst parking charges can be used to encourage a move to more sustainable transport options, it is felt that this small additional charge for parking on-street will have a neutral impact on modal shift.

### **Conclusion**

19. It is recommended to increase the on-street parking tariffs, as set out within the report.



**REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:**

**Links to the Strategic Plan**

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	