

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Officer Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Adrian Gray
<b>Title:</b>	Traffic Order Proposals : Various Roads, New Forest District – Changes to Parking Permits
<b>Reference:</b>	

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#### 1. The decision:

1.1. That a traffic order be implemented under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA), the effects of which will be to:

1. introduce virtual permits for designated permit parking places in New Forest; and
2. allow checking of a valid permit for a parked vehicle by means of a handheld device and an electronic database approved by the Council as an alternative to displaying a valid permit in the vehicle when parked in a permit parking place.
3. replace the existing charges for permits in New Forest with the charges set out in the Schedule below.

#### Schedule

Permit Type	Charges
Residents' Permit	£50 per annum 100 visitor permits included free for residents
Visitor's Permit	per annum

#### 2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1. As part of the Transformation to 2019 financial efficiency measures, the County Council is modernising the parking service across Hampshire.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 Hampshire County Council has been directly responsible for the parking services in New Forest, Fareham, Gosport and Test Valley, where the Borough/District Councils no longer operate Traffic Management Agency Agreements. In order to achieve more consistency in the parking service between these Boroughs/Districts and bring them in line with the other Districts in Hampshire, the charges and processes for Resident Parking Schemes are being amended as follows -

Where appropriate phased increases in annual permit charges will be implemented with the intention of achieving a minimum charge of £50.

Those residents affected have previously been notified.

- 2.2. No objections or representations were received in response to the public consultation which took place between 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
- 2.3. Due consideration has been given to RTRA 1984 sections 122(1) and 122(2) and any other relevant legislation. In this case the Decision Maker acting on behalf of the Local Authority considers this TRO expeditious, for the convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) [and (where relevant) for the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off].
- 2.4 The decision outlined in paragraph 2.3 (above) to exercise the functions of the Local Authority under RTRA 1984 sections 122(1) and 122(2) has been reached on the basis of what is reasonably practicable after due regard has been given to the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. None

**4. Scheme Funding:**

- 4.1. Capital.

**5. Conflicts of interest:**

- 5.1. None

**6. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:**

- 6.1. None

**7. Supporting information:**

- 7.1. Local Members, M Wade, AMcEvoy, D Harrison, N Penman, M White, M Kendal, F Carpenter, K Mans, M Thierry and E Heron support the proposals
- 7.2. Police – raised no comment
- 7.3. A1022a

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

*Adrian Gray*

**05/03/2021**

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**Adrian Gray, Head of Highways (Traffic)**

**On behalf of the Director of Economy, Transport and  
Environment**