

REPORT TO: Cabinet Member Technical Services
Cabinet

DATE: 26th January 2011
27th January 2011

SUBJECT: Crosby Car Parks - Increase in Parking Charges

WARDS AFFECTED: All

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EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL: No

<p>PURPOSE/SUMMARY:</p> <p>To confirm with Members the proposal to increase the parking charges on the Crosby Town Centre Car Parks and to set charges on the Waterloo and Crosby Seafront Car Parks</p>
<p>REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:</p> <p>To allow parking charges to be set / increased</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION(S):</p> <p>It is recommended that:</p> <p>Cabinet Member Technical Services:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Note the report: <p>Cabinet:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Approve the increase in charges on the Crosby Town Centre Car Parks and the setting of the charges on the Waterloo / Seafront Car Parks.

KEY DECISION: No

FORWARD PLAN: No

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: To take effect Monday 4th April 2011.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

None

IMPLICATIONS:

Budget/Policy Framework: The setting of fees and charges falls outside the Council's budget setting framework

Financial:

In setting the prescribed fees within this report on the new car parks, it is anticipated that £77,000 of fee income will be generated. This is in line with Council expectations following the decision to charge for use of the car parks indicated.

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £	2013/2 014 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date?				
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

Legal:

N/A

Risk Assessment: N/A

Asset Management: N/A

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS - Finance

The Interim Head of Corporate Finance & Information Services has been consulted and his comments have been incorporated into this report.

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CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		✓	
2	Creating Safe Communities	✓		
3	Jobs and Prosperity		✓	
4	Improving Health and Well-Being		✓	
5	Environmental Sustainability	✓		
6	Creating Inclusive Communities		✓	
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy	✓		
8	Children and Young People		✓	

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Cabinet 27th November 2008 – Parking Services Review

Cabinet Member – Technical Services 3rd November 2010 - Proposed Car Park

Charging Order – Crosby Civic Hall/Library, Hougoumont Avenue, Crosby Coastal Park, Blucher Street and Burbo Bank Car Parks

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 In November 2008 Cabinet considered a report entitled "Parking Services Review" which considered a Parking Plan for the Borough and also a 5 year budget for the Parking Service.
- 1.2 Contained in the report was a scale of charges which set out increases in parking charges to be introduced in April 2009 and April 2011.
- 1.3 Included in the increases were the following:

Crosby Off-Street (as at November 2008)

<u>Stay</u>	<u>Current charge</u>	<u>2009/10</u>	<u>2011/12</u>
Up to 30 mins	Free	0.10	0.20
Up to 2 Hours	0.60	0.70	0.80
Up to 4 Hours	1.30	1.40	1.50
4 Hours +	2.60	2.80	3.00

- 1.4 Members resolved at the meeting that:

"the Parking Service Budget as set out in Chapter 6 of the report including the revision to charges be approved as set out in Annexe C of the report, subject to:"

"(a) the imposition of the 10p increase in charges for parking for up to 30 minutes in Crosby Village being deferred until April 2010 and that a review of such charge be undertaken during the forthcoming year; and"

"(b) the extension of the Southport On-Street Yellow (Other) Zone to seven days a week being not approved;"

- 1.5 In view of the above the charges on the Crosby off-street car parks (Allengate, Cooksland and The Green) have remained unchanged.
- 1.6 Council on the 17th December 2009 approved for inclusion in 2010/11 and future Council budgets income of £77,000 to be generated from the introduction of Pay and Display Parking in Waterloo and on the Crosby Coastal area off-street car parks. Consequently, It was intended that the proposed increase in the Crosby Town Centre car parks would be reviewed in April 2010 as part of the consideration of the introduction of charges in the above car parks in Waterloo. However, as a result of the delay in the introduction of this proposal no action was taken at this time.

- 1.7 Under the Council's Constitution approval of the Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) required to implement these measures is delegated to the Area Committee.
- 1.8 Crosby Area Committee on the 20th January 2010, considered a report seeking approval for a pay and display scheme on the following off-street car parks including details for the proposed scale of charges:
- Civic Centre/Library Car Park
 - Hougoumont Avenue Car Park
 - Crosby Coastal Park Car Park
 - Blucher Street Car Park
 - Crosby Leisure Centre Car Park
 - Burbo Bank Car Park
- 1.9 The Crosby Area Committee resolved to refer the matter to the Cabinet Member Technical Services with a request that the car parks and car parking charges, including a possible subsidy for residents, in the Crosby Area be re-examined.
- 1.10 The main issues raised by the Area Committee were further discussed with Crosby Ward Councillors at Transportation Member Officer Working Party meetings in June and October 2010 and were considered by the Cabinet Member at his meeting of the 3rd November 2010.
- 1.11 The charges for the Waterloo and Crosby Seafront car parks as approved by Cabinet Member – Technical Services have been set at:

Charges:	up to 30 minutes	-	20p
	Up to 2 hours	-	80p
	Up to 4 hours	-	£1.50
	Over 4 hours	-	£3.00

The charges have been set at this level both to ensure the income is generated and to match in with the proposed charges in the Crosby Town centre car parks for 2011/12. In view of the issues raised by Members, the hours of operation of the seafront car parks will be restricted to 10.00am – 5.00pm and residents of Sefton will be able to purchase an annual permit at a cost of £35 which will allow unlimited use of these car parks.

- 1.12 The introduction of charges on the car parks is currently being formally advertised and any objections will be reported to the Cabinet Member – Technical Services in due course.
- 1.13 In order to complete the introduction of the charges it is necessary for Cabinet to formally set the level of the charge

2.0 Proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed that the charges to be set in the Waterloo and Crosby Seafront Car Parks and those to be increased in the Crosby Town Centre Car Parks be maintained at the same level.
- 2.2 It is proposed to introduce the following increase in charges on the Crosby Town Centre Car Parks:

<u>Stay</u>	<u>Current charge</u>	<u>2011/12</u>
Up to 30 mins	Free	0.20
Up to 2 Hours	0.60	0.80
Up to 4 Hours	1.30	1.50
4 Hours +	2.60	3.00

- 2.3 It is proposed to set the charges following for the Waterloo and Seafront Car Parks

<u>Stay</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Up to 30 mins	0.20
Up to 2 Hours	0.80
Up to 4 Hours	1.50
4 Hours +	3.00

- 2.2 On the Waterloo Car Parks (Hougoumont Ave and Civic Hall) the charges will operate 08.00 – 18.00 Monday to Saturday. On the Seafront Car Parks they will operate 10.00 – 17.00 Monday to Sunday
- 2.3 A residents permit will be available at a charge of £35 per annum for use on the Seafront Car Parks

3.0 Budget issues

- 3.1 The introduction of charges on the Waterloo and Seafront Car Parks are required to ensure that the Budget Income figure recommended by Council at its meeting of the 17th December 2009 is met.
- 3.2 The increase in charges in the Crosby Town Centre Car Parks is required to ensure that parity with the charges in Waterloo is established and to ensure the Parking Services Budget is met.