
Report to: Cabinet **Date of Meeting:** 23rd June 2011

Subject: Introduction of Charges on Waterloo Car Parks

Report of: Director of Built Environment **Wards Affected:** Church

Is this a Key Decision? Yes **Is it included in the Forward Plan?** Yes

Exempt/Confidential No

Purpose/Summary

To seek approval for the introduction of charges on car parks in Waterloo

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- i) approve the introduction of charges on the Civic Hall and Hougoumont Avenue car parks in Waterloo and:
- ii) approve £40,000 to be included in the capital programme for the works necessary to install the pay and display machines and associated signing, to be funded from earmarked reserves;
- iii) approve the level of the charges for the above car parks

How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

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

Reasons for the Recommendation:

To ensure that the increase in revenue included in the 2011/12 budget is met

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

None

(B) Capital Costs

The cost of the works to enable charging to be introduced on the car parks will be £40,000. This cost will be met from earmarked reserves

Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

Legal	The Council has the legal power to provide and charge for off-street parking by virtue of sections 32 [power to provide off-street parking places] and 35 [power to charge for off-street parking] of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.	
Human Resources	None	
Equality		
1.	No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.	Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact on Service Delivery:

None

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Head of Corporate Finance (FD806) and Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD 168/11) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

Are there any other options available for consideration?

No

Implementation Date for the Decision

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

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Background Papers:

None

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 Under the Council's Constitution approval of the Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) required to implement these measures is delegated to the Area Committee.
- 1.3 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

- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 The charges for the Waterloo and Crosby Seafront car parks as approved by Cabinet Member – Technical Services were 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 were set at this level both to ensure the required level of income is generated.

- 1.7 The introduction of charges on the car parks was formally advertised on the 13th January 2011 with the intention to report any objections to the Cabinet Member – Technical Services in due course.
- 1.8 In order to complete the introduction of the charges it is necessary for Cabinet to formally set the level of the charge and a report was made to Cabinet at its meeting of the 27th January 2011 to set the charges. Cabinet resolved that:

“the proposals set out in the report be deferred for further consideration at the Cabinet Meeting to be held in May 2011”

1.9 In view of the above the formal process to introduce the charges on the car park was suspended.

2.0 Proposal

2.1 Following the Cabinet meeting the matter was again discussed at a further Member Officer Working Party which was held on the 13th April 2011.

2.2 At the meeting the following way forward for the Civic Hall and Hougoumont Avenue car parks was agreed with the Cabinet Member.

2.3 The introduction of charges on the Civic Hall and Hougoumont Avenue Car Parks to be progressed, to be in force Monday to Saturday 8am – 6pm, using the following charges

<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

In line with other Council off-street car parks, holders of a Disabled Persons Parking Permit (Blue Badge) will be able to park free of charge and for unlimited periods on the car parks.

2.4 Should Cabinet approve the introduction of the charges and the level of the charges then the proposal would be formally advertised. At the same time the business community would be contacted for their input and additional notices would be placed in the local press to allow residents to comment. It is anticipated that the proposals would also be subject to editorial comment which would further increase the awareness of residents to the proposals

3.0 Budget issues

3.1 The introduction of charges on the Waterloo Car Parks are required to ensure that the Budget Income figure recommended by Council is met.