

**REPORT TO:** Cabinet Member Technical Services  
Cabinet

**DATE:** 25<sup>th</sup> February 2009  
26<sup>th</sup> February 2009

**SUBJECT:** Parking Charges – Bootle Leisure Centre and Dunes Leisure Centre

**WARDS AFFECTED:** Linacre & Dukes

**REPORT OF:** A Wallis Planning & Economic Regeneration Director

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**EXEMPT/  
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

To propose amendments to the parking charges at Bootle Leisure Centre & Dunes Leisure Centre

**REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:**

To maintain budgets, protect the car parks for the users of the facilities and to simplify the charging structure

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

1. That Cabinet Member Technical Services recommend the Cabinet to approve the changes to parking charges as set out in Appendix 1
2. That Cabinet approve the changes to parking charges as set out in Appendix 1

**KEY DECISION:** No

**FORWARD PLAN:** No

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** April 2009.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

As discussed in report.

**IMPLICATIONS:****Budget/Policy Framework:****Financial:** There are no financial implications as a result of this report

<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>2006/ 2007 £</b>	<b>2007/ 2008 £</b>	<b>2008/ 2009 £</b>	<b>2009/ 2010 £</b>
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<b><u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u></b>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

**Legal:** N/A  
**Risk Assessment:** N/A.

**Asset Management:** N/A.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**  
 Leisure Services

**CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:**

<b><u>Corporate Objective</u></b>		<b><u>Positive Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Neutral Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Negative Impact</u></b>
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**

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## **1.0 Background**

- 1.1 The Cabinet meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2008 considered a report on the Sefton Parking Plan, and approved the Parking Service Budget for the period 2009/10 to 2013/14
- 1.2 The Parking Services Budget and in particular the proposed increases in charges have a number of implications on the operation of car parks operated by the Parking Service on behalf of the Leisure Services Department
- 1.3 Discussions with the Leisure Director have led to the following proposals to changes to the charges on the Bootle and Dunes Leisure Centre Car Parks.

## **2.0 Bootle Leisure**

- 2.1 Charges were increased on the Bootle New Strand Car Park in June 2007. The principle change was to increase the charge for over 4 hours parking from £2.50 to £3.20.
- 2.2 Monitoring of the car park and the Bootle Leisure Centre Car Park, has revealed that commuter (long stay) parkers have transferred from the Bootle New Strand Car Park to the Bootle Leisure Centre Car Park due to the lower charge for all day parking on the Leisure Centre Car Park.
- 2.3 In view of the above, in order to ensure that the Bootle Leisure Centre Car Park does not become dominated by commuters and to keep spaces available for users of the centre, it is proposed that the charges on this car park be amended to bring the charge for parking 4 hours and above into line with the Bootle New Strand Car Park. This charge will be £3.50 from April 2009 as indicated in Appendix 1.
- 2.4 Users of the facility will continue to have their parking fee refunded up to the maximum of 2 hours
- 2.5 No additional income is shown from this increase as it is anticipated that motorists will return to parking at the New Strand Car Park, freeing up spaces for Leisure Centre Users.

## **3.0 Dunes Leisure**

- 3.1 Seasonal Charges currently apply to the car parks which serve Dunes Leisure Centre and Splashworld
- 3.2 These charges can cause confusion for motorists and have led to Penalty Charge Notices being issued to motorists who have paid the incorrect fee.
- 3.3 It is suggested that the seasonal tariffs be combined into a tariff which applies all year round as indicated in Appendix 1
- 3.4 Again no additional income is shown from this increase as some charges will increase whilst some will decrease and the net effect will be negligible on income. The majority of use of this car park is for up to two hours by users of the facility who will continue to have their parking fee refunded up to the maximum of 2 hours. The increase in the charge for parking for 4 hours or more will discourage long term parking by motorists who are not using the facility

# Appendix 1

## Bootle Leisure Car Park

<b>Stay</b>	<b>Current Charge</b>	<b>Proposed Charge</b>
Up to 1 Hour	0.40	No change
Up to 2 Hours	0.80	No Change
Up to 4 Hours	1.50	No Change
4 Hours +	2.20	3.50

## Dunes Leisure Car Park Summer Charges (April – September)

<b>Stay</b>	<b>Current Charge</b>	<b>Proposed Charge</b>
Up to 1 Hour	0.70	0.50
Up to 2 Hours	1.20	1.00
Up to 4 Hours	2.20	2.50
4 Hours +	2.20	3.50

## Dunes Leisure Car Park Winter Charges (October – March)

<b>Stay</b>	<b>Current Charge</b>	<b>Proposed Charge</b>
Up to 1 Hour	0.40	0.50
Up to 2 Hours	0.60	1.00
Up to 4 Hours	1.20	2.50
4 Hours +	2.00	3.50