



## **Report to Cabinet**

**Subject** Off Street Parking.  
Pay And Display Charges

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### **Purpose of the Report**

To update Cabinet on the results of consultations and to set the charging structure for the introduction of Pay and Display in the previously agreed car parks within the borough.

### **1. Background**

Following the Cabinet Meeting of Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2005 it was resolved that: -

- 1) To agree a charge of 20 pence for the first hour, 50 pence up to two hours and to consult further with retailers within the next three months on appropriate step-ups.
- 2) To not introduce car park charging in Netherfield at this time, but to keep the matter under review.
- 3) To increase the number of parking permits to 10% of spaces available and to offer packages for payment for 6 months or more rather than quarterly.
- 4) To offer a period of free parking for disabled badge holders in marked disabled parking bays.
- 5) To aim to implement the arrangements with effect from late January 2007.

## **2. Summary of Consultation Results**

The consultation has now been carried out and the results are shown in appendix A. We have achieved a very high return rate of 36% from the consultation. The successful rate of return can in part be attributed to the methods used (by hand delivering all of the letters without envelopes). Has resulted in a clear favoured option of 'Medium Stay', *low charge up to 4 hours with a sharp increase for each additional hour* across all town centres where charging is being introduced.

## **3. Proposals**

Taking into account the consultation results and the desire to provide reasonably priced medium stay parking the following charging structures are proposed.

### Charging Structure.

Up to 1 hour	£0.20
Up to 2 hours	£0.50
Up to 3 Hours	£1.00
Up to 4 hours	£2.00
Over 4 hours	£10.00

### Exemptions to charges

Blue badge holders when parked within marked disabled bays for up to 4 hours.

It is not intended to enforce the time limit unless abuse of the spaces by frequent long term parkers becomes apparent.

### Permit holders scheme

Number of permits 60

Fee £100.00 per quarter (Currently £70.00)  
£300.00 per annum if paid in one payment

Both tariffs non-refundable.

Based on a business operating for 310 days per annum (Mon to Sat inclusive but closed Christmas day and Boxing day) to park in a car park would equate to £1550.00 per annum. The permit scheme represents a saving of over 80% when compared to the annual amount being paid in full.

The proposed scheme is shown in appendix B.

### **3. Financial Implications**

The above charging structure is in line with the RTA associates (Produced for Nottinghamshire County Council) charging model, which predicts an Income of £421,000 and a potential surplus of £291,000. per annum.

For 2006/2007 income will be in the region of £70,000.00 providing that the scheme starts on schedule, currently planned for commencement on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

An impact equalities assessment has been undertaken on the project

The process of obtaining Tenders for the Ticket Machines (and Back Office Equipment) and for the civil engineering works has commenced.

### **5. Recommendations**

That the Cabinet approve the adoption of the above charging structure, exemptions and associated permit holders scheme.

