



**Report to** Council  
**Subject:** Car Parking Charges 2011  
**Author:** Leader of the Council  
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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To seek approval for the revised budget position following the introduction of the proposed tariff changes contained in this report which delivers a free two hour parking period in all car parks in the borough.

**2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 The introduction of car park charging came into effect on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 and the current tariff structure (appendix 1) has been operational since October 2010. A list of all the Council car parks is shown in appendix 2.

2.2 Currently we also have 3 types of parking permits available, the first one is for use in all our car parks, the second one restricts the driver to one car park only. Finally, we also have a residential parking permit which restricts use of the local car park to a limited number of local residents. The current charges are:-

Permit Type	Current Cost Per Annum	Current Cost Per Week of Permit
All Zones	£300.00	£5.77
Restricted	£150.00	£2.88
Residential	£50.00	£0.96

2.3 Following the recent election, the new administration has confirmed its commitment to implement its manifesto commitment to introduce a 2 hour free parking period within all car parks in the borough. To facilitate this, a review of the fees structure has taken place taking into account the following issues:-

- The need to ensure availability of short stay parking provision for local shoppers
- Incentivising long stay parking at selected sites
- Charges that reflect local facilities
- The need to reduce/address residential parking problems around town centres
- The needs of businesses
- Logistics associated with implementing 2 hours free parking

2.4 The profile of the period of stay in our shoppers' car parks since October 2010 shows that the most common length of time is 1 hour (with the free 30 minutes added on) as shown in table 1 below and that 90% of the tickets issued are for the periods between ½ hour and 2½ hours.

Length of stay	Number of tickets issued	Income Received
½ hour (Arnold only)	67,605	£22,145
1½ Hours	209,275	£89,484
2½ Hours	88,512	£75,424
3½ Hours	20,608	£26,967
4½ Hours	939	£3,119
5½ Hours	195	£781
All Day	3,695	£9,134
Parks	15,406	£7,680
<b>Totals</b>	<b>406,235</b>	<b>£234,734</b>

Table 1

2.6 Meetings have previously taken place with local traders with regard to the footfall in the town centres and the overall affect the current charges are having on their trading positions. These have been taken into consideration in determining the following proposals.

### 3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 It is proposed that the portfolio holder introduces a free two hour period of parking per day in all of the Council's car parks with effect from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011 and that the Council's parking tariffs be changed accordingly to accommodate these revised changes.
- 3.2 A restriction of one free two hour parking ticket per day will be enforced using our existing contractual arrangement. It will remain a requirement for the vehicle to display a valid ticket from the ticket machine to show the time of arrival and enable the Enforcement Officers to monitor any abuse of the free parking period. The cost of the parking permits will remain at the current charges as shown in paragraph 2.2 above
- 3.3 It is also proposed that the period of free parking for the disabled remains at three hours per day.
- 3.4 After the free two hour period of parking a new tariff for longer stay parking in our pay and display car parks will be introduced. These tariffs are shown in table 2 below. However, for the centre of Arnold and for one car park in Mapperley, the longer stay tariff will be higher. This is to ensure that sufficient short stay parking is available at all times. This situation will be monitored closely.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Car Parks</b>	<b>2 Hours</b>	<b>All Day</b>
Arnold inner zone	Blatherwick's Yard, Croft Road, High Street (Boyes)	Free	£10
Arnold outer zone	High Street (Leisure Centre), St Alban's Road, Hallam's Lane	Free	£3
Mapperley	Bonnington Road,	Free	£10
Mapperley	Haywood Road (North), Haywood Road (South)	Free	£3
Carlton	Carlton Square, Frederick Avenue, Standhill Road	Free	£3
Gedling	Ranmoor Road	Free	£3
Netherfield	Victoria Road, Morris Street	Free	£3
Parks (Monday – Friday)	Burntstump Country Park, Arnot Hill Park (Bowling Green car park)	Free	£3
Parks (Weekends)	Burntstump Country Park	Free	£1

**Table 2**

- 3.5 These fees and charges shown above will operate from 8.00am to 6.00 pm every day excluding Sundays and Bank Holidays.

- 3.6. All other Council owned car parks covered by the existing parking order for residential permit holders only, business permit holders only, and on leisure facilities land remain unaffected by the proposed changes.

#### **4. FINANCIAL ISSUES**

- 4.1 The costs of advertising the new parking orders, erecting new signage and altering the tariffs in the ticket machines is estimated at £7,500.
- 4.2 The current annual budget for car parking income is £387,700. The proposed revised income projection for 2011/12 is £228,000, giving a reduction in income of £159,700. The revised income projection for 2012/13 is expected to be in the region of £70,000, giving a reduction in income of £317,700, however this will need to be reviewed once the proposed scheme has been in place for a period of time.
- 4.3 The contract for enforcement is a joint county-wide arrangement with Nottinghamshire County Council and the other 6 district councils and is for a period of 5 years. A reduction in the number of penalty charge notices issued could result in a claim from the contractor and it is estimated that this could be in the region of £20,000 per annum. This will be monitored closely and expenditure budgets will be adjusted accordingly in future years if necessary.

#### **5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members of the Council are asked to authorise the Head of Corporate Services to revise the estimated income from car park charging in 2011/12 to £228,000.

And to note that the portfolio holder will be requested to :

- Introduce a free two hour period of parking in all of the Council owned car parks with effect from Monday 3rd October 2011.
- Agree the revised all day parking tariff as outlined in paragraph 3.4 of this report, and confirm the current parking permit tariffs as set out in paragraph 2.2.
- Authorise Officers to take all necessary steps to give effect to this decision.

6. **WARDS AFFECTED**

All Wards with Council owned car parks contained within their boundaries.

7. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Report to Cabinet in February 2009.

Report to Portfolio for Finance and Leader of the Council August 2010

8. **EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

The proposed changes do not affect the original equalities impact assessment carried out in 2009.

## Appendix 1

### Current Tariffs

With effect from October 2010 the car park charging rates are:-

<b>Length of Stay</b>	<b>Arnold Inner Zone</b>	<b>Arnold Outer Zone</b>	<b>Other Car Parks</b>	<b>Parks</b>
½ hour	£0.30	£0.30	N/A	N/A
1½ Hours	£0.60	£0.60	£0.30	£0.30 (hour)
2½ Hours	£1.00	£1.00	£0.50	£0.50 (2 hrs)
3½ Hours	£1.50	£1.50	£1.00	£1.00 (3 hrs)
4½ Hours	£5.00	£3.00	N/A	£2.00 (4 hrs)
5½ Hours	N/A	£4.00	N/A	N/A
All day	£10.00	£5.00	£2.00	£5.00
Disabled	3 Hours Free Parking	3 Hours Free Parking	3 Hours Free Parking	3 Hours Free Parking

## Appendix 2

The following car park spaces available within our car parks for use by the disabled permit holders, daily shoppers and park users.

Area	Car Park Location	Current Charging Tariff	No. of Disabled spaces	No. of Spaces Available
Arnold	St Alban's Road	Arnold outer zone	5	33
	Hallams Lane	Arnold outer zone	3	53
	Hallams Lane (Market area)	Permit Holders only	0	12
	Time Centre	Permit Holders only	0	8
	Blatherwick's Yard	Arnold inner zone	2	59
	High Street (Leisure Centre)	Arnold outer zone	9	136
	High Street (Boyes)	Arnold inner zone	2	26
	Croft Road	Arnold inner zone	7	42
	Arnot Hill Park (Bowling Green)	Parks	2	47
	High Street Avenue	Residential	0	18
	Oxclose Lane	Free of Charge	1	18
Mapperley	Bonnington Road	Other car parks	2	45
	Haywood Road North (Co-op)	Other car parks	2	89
	Haywood Road South (Diddylands)	Other car parks	2	52
Carlton Hill	Standhill Road	Other car parks	1	39
	Frederick Avenue	Other car parks	2	35
Carlton Square	Carlton Square	Other car parks	6	164
Netherfield	Morris Street	Other car parks	1	36
	Victoria Road	Other car parks	0	34
	Kozi Kots	Residential	0	6
Gedling	Ranmoor Road	Other car parks	1	26
Burntstump	Burntstump Country Park	Parks	4	116
		<b>Total Spaces</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1094</b>