

## **Report to Portfolio Holder for Environment**

**Subject:** Fees and Charges 2018/19

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### **Wards Affected**

Borough-wide

### **Purpose**

This report details a revised set of Charges for certain parking permits, and seeks approval for their introduction from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

### **Key Decision**

This is not a Key Decision

### **Background**

- 1.1 The annual and quarterly charges for non-resident, parking permits across the Council's car parks, many of which are sold for business use, have not been increased since 2011. It is estimated that the increases suggested in Appendix 1 would not significantly reduce demand. A budget reduction proposal was therefore put forward to increase annual and quarterly, non-resident, car park permit prices across the Council owned car parks in the borough with effect from 1 April 2018, as shown in Appendix 1. This has been approved at full Council.
- 1.2 With Portfolio Holder and relevant Corporate Director approval, discretion can be made to apply varying % increases to relevant Fees and Charges as long as the overall cash amount for that area are met. This allows consideration to be made for factors that influence the rate at which fees and charges are set.
- 1.3 These factors include:
  - The Borough's priorities.
  - The effect an increase in price would have on the activity, including customer resistance.
  - The cost benefit of the service.

### **Proposal**

- 2.1 It is proposed that annual and quarterly, non-resident, car park permit charges across Council owned car parks in the borough are revised as detailed in Appendix 1, with effect from 1 April 2018.

- 2.2 Prices have been set to achieve the budget reduction target, in consideration of the aforementioned factors.

### **Alternative Options**

3. Alternative increases could have been applied, for example in line with the 3% income inflation increase for discretionary income agreed by Cabinet for 2018/19. This however would not have been in consideration of the proposed Medium Term Financial Plan or current CPI inflation measures.

### **Financial Implications**

4. Applying the proposed Fees and Charges detailed in this report will increase discretionary income and attain the income target set.

### **Appendices**

5. Appendix 1 – Revised Fees and Charges 2018/19

### **Background Papers**

6. None identified.

### **Recommendation**

- a) To approve the revised Charges for 2018/19 as detailed in Appendix 1
- b) To agree for the price revisions to be introduced from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

### **Reasons for Recommendations**

7. To contribute to the delivery of a balanced budget both in 2018/19 and in the medium term, and satisfy statutory requirements.