

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET – 24 FEBRUARY 2010

PROPOSED CHANGES TO OFF-STREET PARKING CHARGES IN KILMARNOCK

Report By Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek the agreement of Cabinet to change the parking charges in the Council's off-street pay & display car parks in Kilmarnock.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The present charges in the Kilmarnock Town Centre pay & display car parks were last increased in April 2006. Since the last price increases were set the Retail Price Index has increased by 10.2%.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 It is proposed to:-

- (i) Increase the cost of parking for more than one hour in the Kilmarnock Town Centre surface off street car parks by 10%; and
- (ii) Reduce the parking charge in the underutilised northern part of the Portland Street car park to £1 per day.

- 3.2 Table 1 below shows the existing and proposed scales of charges in the car parks. Tables 2, 3 & 4 show the current charges for off-street parking in Ayr, Paisley, Hamilton and East Kilbride Town Centres, for comparison.

- 3.3 The new tariff will:-

- (i) Encourage more use of the edge of town centre Portland Street car park by commuters;
- (ii) Deter commuters from using the short-stay parking in the popular central area car parks adjacent to the main shopping areas; and
- (iii) Increase the car park revenue to help to meet the rising costs of managing and maintaining the public off-street car parks.
- (iv) Harmonise one hour parking in on street and off street car parks.

- 3.4 It is proposed that there will be no increase in the tariff for:-

- (i) Parking in the multi-storey car park which provides a significant supply of convenient, low cost parking for shoppers and commuters adjacent to the King Street shopping area; and
- (ii) Season Tickets for Taxi Drivers and other users.

3.5 It is proposed that the new charges shall be introduced from April 2010.

PARKING DURATION	EXISTING CHARGES	PROPOSED CHARGES
Existing Tariff Structure All Car Parks Except Multi Storey		
Up to 1 hour	£0.50	£0.60
Up to 2 hours	£1.00	£1.10
Up to 4 hours	£2.00	£2.20
Over 4 hours*	£2.50	£2.80
* parking for more than 4 hours is only permitted in the designated long stay car parks		
Portland Street CP (northern section) - All day parking	£2.50	£1.00
Parking Tariffs in Multi Storey Car Park (first 4 levels)		
Up to 1 hour	£0.30	£0.30
Up to 2 hours	£0.70	£0.70
Up to 4 hours	£1.40	£1.40
Over 4 hours	£2.00	£2.00
All day parking (above 4 th level)	£1.00	£1.00
Kilmarnock Town Centre On Street Parking Tariffs		
Up to 15 minutes	£0.15	£0.15
Up to 30 minutes	£0.30	£0.30
Up to 45 minutes	£0.45	£0.45
Up to 1 hour	£0.60	£0.60
Up to 2 hours	£1.20	£1.20

Table 1: Existing and Proposed Parking Charges in Kilmarnock Town Centre

4. PARKING CHARGES IN OTHER TOWN CENTRES

4.1 For comparison, the price of off-street parking in four town centres is set out below:

PARKING DURATION	CHARGES
Up to 1 hour	£0.60
Up to 2 hours	£1.20
Up to 3 hours	£1.60
Up to 4 hours	£2.10
Up to 6 hours	£2.70
Over 6 hours	£3.40

Table 2: Existing Council Off-Street Parking Charges in Ayr Town Centre

PARKING DURATION	CHARGES
Up to 1 hour	£0.60
Up to 2 hours	£1.20
Up to 3 hours	£1.50
Up to 5 hours	£3.00
Up to 8 hours	£7.00
All Day (Long stay car parks only)	£2.00

Table 3: Existing Council Off-Street Parking Charges in Paisley Town Centre

PARKING DURATION	CHARGES
Up to 1 hour	£0.70
Up to 2 hours	£1.10
Up to 3 hours	£1.50
Up to 4 hours	£2.10
Up to 5 hours	£2.70
Up to 6 hours	£3.70
Up to 7 hours	£4.40
Up to 24 hours	£5.70

Table 4: Existing Council Off-Street Parking Charges in Hamilton and East Kilbride Town Centres

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** Before the charges can be changed, it will be necessary to publish a notice, indicating the intention to do so, in accordance with the Local Authorities Variation of Charges at Off-Street and Designated Parking Places (Notice Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1997. The notices will be displayed for at least 21 days before the charge comes into effect.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** The anticipated increase in income is in line with 3% income inflation uplift set out in the Budget 2010/11 – 2012/13 Outline Strategy report approved by Cabinet on 21 October 2009. It is anticipated that the increases proposed in this report will, if approved, result in additional income of £60,000 per year.
- 6.2** The cost of reprogramming the car park pay and display machines will be met from existing budgets. There will be no additional collection costs.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1** Nil

8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1** The proposed changes to the off-street parking charges are consistent with the Local Plan and The Local Transport Strategy policies to meet the demand for short stay parking in the town centre.
- 8.2** The 'Managing Charges – Services Managers Checklist' has been completed in support of the proposed changes to parking charges.

9. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1** The proposed changes in the tariffs will improve access to Kilmarnock Town Centre and contribute towards delivering community regeneration.

10. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Improvements in the short stay parking supply in Kilmarnock Town Centre and the additional revenue will not be realised if the parking charges are not increased.

11. EQUALITIES IMPACT

11.1 Nil

12. RECOMMENDATION

12.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet agrees to increase the charges in the Council's off-street charging car parks in accordance with the proposed tariffs set out in Table 1 of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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