

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 29 JUNE 2004

### PROPOSED INCREASE IN OFF STREET PARKING CHARGES - KILMARNOCK

#### Report By Executive Director of Development and Property Services

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek the agreement of the Committee to increase the parking charges in the Council's Off-Street paying car parks in Kilmarnock.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The present charges in the Kilmarnock Town Centre paying car parks were last increased in April 2001. Since the last price increases were set, the Retail Price Index has increased by almost 7%.

#### 3. PROPOSED CHARGES

- 3.1 It is proposed that the cost of parking is increased by 10p across the tariff range except in the underused multi storey car park where no increase is proposed. It is also proposed that there shall be no increase in the cost of the Season Tickets for Taxi Drivers and other users. The charges that are proposed will increase the overall parking revenue by a little more than the Retail Price Index during the current financial year.
- 3.2 Table 1 below shows the existing and proposed scales of charges in the long stay car parks i.e. The Foregate (Multi Storey), Portland Road, Portland Street, Sturrock Street (East), Titchfield Street and the short stay car parks i.e. The Foregate (North), The Foregate (South), Fowlds Street, Nelson Street, Queen Street, Sturrock Street (West), St Marnock Street, East George Street.
- 3.3 It is proposed that the new charges should be introduced as soon as possible, subject to Committee approval, and following upon the publication of a notice in accordance with the Local Authorities Variation of Charges at Off-Street and Designated Parking Places (Notice Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1997.

CAR PARK	CHARGES	
	(1) EXISTING	(2) PROPOSED
Existing Tariff Structure All Car Parks Except Multi Storey		
Up to 1 hour	30p	40p
1 hour to 2 hours	70p	80p
2 hours to 4 hours	£1.50	£1.60
Over 4 hours	£2.20	£2.30
Parking Tariff in Multi Storey Car Park (first 4 levels)		
Up to 1 hour	30p	No change
1 hour to 2 hours	70p	No change
2 hours to 4 hours	£1.40	No change
Over 4 hours	£2.00	No change
Above the 4 <sup>th</sup> level, a flat rate of 50p per day is charged in the multi storey car park		

**Table 1 : Existing and Proposed Off-Street Parking Charges in Kilmarnock Town centre**

#### 4. PARKING CHARGES IN AYR TOWN CENTRE

4.1 For comparison, the price of off-street parking in Ayr Town Centre is set out below:

<b>Parking Tariff</b>	<b>Charges</b>
Up to 1 hour	50p
Up to 2 hours	80p
Up to 3 hours	£1.10
Up to 4 hours	£1.50
Over 4 hours	£2.20

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

## **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Before the charges can be increased, 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 must be displayed for at least 21 days before the charge comes into effect.

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 It is anticipated that the price increases will generate additional parking revenues in the order of £42,000 during financial year to April, 2005.

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. RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 It is recommended that the Committee agrees to increase the charges in the Council's off-street charging car parks in accordance with the proposed tariffs set out in column (2) of table 1 above.

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## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil**

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