

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE : SPECIAL MEETING 6 MARCH 2001

OFF STREET PARKING CHARGES - KILMARNOCK

Report By Director of Development Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To seek the agreement of the Committee to amend the East Ayrshire Council (Use of Off Street Parking Places and Amendment) (Kilmarnock) Order 1999 to allow an increase in parking charges in the Council's paying car parks in Kilmarnock.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The present charges in the Kilmarnock Town Centre paying car parks were last increased in November 1999. Since the last price increases were set, the Retail Price Index has increased by almost 3.3%.

3. PROPOSED CHARGES

- 3.1** The charges that are proposed will increase the overall parking revenue in line with the rise in the Retail Price Index. It is proposed that the cost of parking for up to two hours in short stay car parks shall not be increased, ensuring that more than a half of the people currently using the Council's paying car parks will not be affected by the increase. It is also proposed that there shall be no increase in the cost of the Taxi Drivers Season Tickets, which were introduced in June 1999.
- 3.2** The table below 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 shall be introduced early in 2001.

CAR PARK	CHARGES	
	(1) EXISTING	(2) PROPOSED
Long stay car parks		
up to 1 hour-----	£0.30	£0.30
up to 2 hours-----	£0.70	£0.70
up to 4 hours-----	£1.40	£1.50*
over 4 hours-----	£2.00	£2.20*
Quarterly Season Ticket---	£66.00 + VAT	£72.00 + VAT
Annual Season Ticket-----	£220.00 + VAT	£242.00 + VAT
		*no increase for multi-storey car park
Short stay car parks		
up to 1 hour-----	£0.30	£0.30
up to 2 hours-----	£0.70	£0.70
up to 4 hours-----	£1.40	£1.50
Taxi Drivers Monthly Season Ticket	£15.00 + VAT	£15.00 + VAT
Taxi Drivers Quarterly Season Ticket (where applicable)-----	£40.00 + VAT	£40.00 + VAT
Taxi Drivers Annual Season Ticket (where applicable)-----	£150.00 + VAT	£150.00 + VAT

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 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 will be displayed for at least 21 days before the charge comes into effect.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 It is anticipated that the price increases will generate additional parking revenues in the course of a full financial year which will be less than inflation over the last year.
- 5.2 The cost of reprogramming the car park pay and display machines will be met from existing budgets. There will be no additional collection costs.

6. RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 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 above.

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List of Background Papers

Nil

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AGENDA