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Chichester Rugby Football Club – Amendment to Parking Order

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2. Recommendation

- 2.1. That consent is given to Chichester Rugby Club introducing charges for parking in the Chichester Rugby Football Club Car Park, Oaklands Park, Chichester.**
- 2.2. That the Head of Commercial Services be authorised to give appropriate notice of any revised changes to the Off-street Parking Places (Consolidation) Order 2016 and the Road Traffic Act 1984.**

3. Background

- 3.1. Chichester Rugby Football Club has recently invested in improving the Rugby Club Car Park. The Rugby Club are seeking to manage the car park and to introduce charging to cover the maintenance costs of the facility with any surplus income being used to repay loans for the recent improvements to the main clubhouse. The Rugby Club's full repairing and insuring lease from the District Council, commenced on 1 January 2007 and expires 31 December 2036, with the next rent review date of January 2017. The lease does not allow us to prevent the Rugby Club from applying parking charges. The Club can terminate their lease giving 6 months' notice in writing in the event the Council withdraws financial support towards payment of the rent or in the event that the Council ceases to permit the Club to use Oakland's Park.
- 3.2. Currently the car park is not advertised for public use. The car park is included within the lease with the Chichester Rugby Football Club and therefore is currently not within direct Council control.
- 3.3. A payment by phone method of parking payment is being introduced for the authority's own car parks. This will offer an additional method of payment for customers and will permit the customer to extend their stay within the car park. In addition, a system of virtual permits (where a

season ticket is not displayed within the vehicle but is registered on the parking system) is to be introduced in the coming months as a result of the new ICT system which is being introduced. Both these facilities will require an amendment to the existing Parking Order.

4. Outcomes to be achieved

- 4.1. To assist Chichester Rugby Football Club in covering the costs of some of the expenditure on the car park and other related infrastructure.
- 4.2. To provide additional parking provision in the area.

5. Proposal

- 5.1. It is proposed that the Rugby Club car park should be included in the Council's Parking Order. If approved it is anticipated that they will come into effect from September 2016. The proposed charges are set out in Appendix 1.
- 5.2. The proposed payment method is pay and display, using solar powered machines. The car park has a capacity for around 100 vehicles, and the proposals include provision for two designated spaces for blue badge holders, as well as five free limited waiting bays for the users of Oaklands Park. It is proposed to allow parking in the free limited waiting bays for up to 30 minutes free of charge with no return within two hours. In addition to the two dedicated spaces for Blue Badge holders the tariff proposal is to allow Blue Badge holders to park for free, for as long as necessary, throughout the car park.
- 5.3. The car park is intended to be used for long stay use during the day to attract daily commuter parking with provision for season ticket parking to attract students from the nearby University campus.
- 5.4. It is proposed that Chichester District Council will undertake enforcement in the car park on behalf of the Rugby Football Club. A contract will be drawn up between the two organisations and any income from Penalty Charge Notices which are issued will be retained by Chichester District Council.

6. Alternatives that have been considered

- 6.1 Consideration has been given to not introducing charges in this car park but it is felt that this will not achieve the expected outcome of assisting with covering the costs of provision in the area and will not assist with the parking issues in the area.

7. Resource and legal implications

- 7.1. The Parking Order will require amendment before the proposals are implemented. There may be some effect on the income received in the Northgate car park but this is considered to be minimal.

7.2. No additional resources are required from the authority.

8. Consultation

- 8.1. Before exercising their powers to introduce charges in an off-street car park under Section 35 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA), a District / Borough Council must first obtain consent from the County Council under Section 39 RTRA. Chichester District Council has requested consent and this has been granted through the County Local Committee on 14 June.
- 8.2. Local Ward Members have also been consulted on the proposals. Staff at the University and Festival Theatre fully support the additional parking capacity.
- 8.3. The proposals will be advertised and opportunity provided for feedback from the public and local stakeholders before any amendments are made to the Parking Order.

9. Community impact and corporate risks

- 9.1. The new car park will increase the off-street parking capacity to the north of Chichester and will help to alleviate displacement of commuter vehicles into residential streets outside the Residents Parking Scheme.

10. Other Implications

Crime & Disorder:	None
Climate Change:	None
Human Rights and Equality Impact:	None
Safeguarding and Early Help:	None

11. Appendix

Appendix 1: Draft Notice of proposed charges for Rugby Club Car Park

Appendix 2 (exempt): Additional Financial Information to Accompany Part 1 Report

12. Background Papers

13.1 None