

**Review of Parking Charges (2017/18) – Details of Proposals**

**1. Proposal 1: Roving Season Tickets**

- 1.1 Cabinet agreed in October 2015 that season tickets would be increased from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. Prices are currently as follows:

Roving Season Ticket - £47 per month, £46 if purchased online or £506 per annum – 12 months for the price of 11.

Roving Season Tickets can be used in the four long stay car parks in the city – Avenue de Chartres, Northgate, Cattle Market and Basin Road.

- 1.2 There are around 1,600 roving season tickets held currently. The proposal for consideration is to create a new season ticket which is purely for the Avenue de Chartres car park. The price of this would be £44 per month, £43 per month when purchased online or £473 per annum – 12 months for the price of 11. This would be a reduction on the existing price of a season ticket and would assist with encouraging further use of the Avenue de Chartres car park.
- 1.3 Alongside this season ticket an X Roving Season Ticket will be in place which will cover the three remaining long stay car parks (Cattle Market, Northgate and Basin Road). The cost of this will be £50 per month or £49 when purchased online or £539 per annum – 12 months for the price of 11. An additional option is to include a season ticket which can be used in all four long stay car parks.
- 1.4 There is a risk of potential deflection onto the surrounding areas should the season ticket prices be deemed to be too high by customers. Whilst it is recognised that season tickets do provide a subsidised parking option for individuals, there is feedback from customers and local residents that the cost of these means that drivers are opting to park in neighbouring streets. These two considerations should be balanced.
- 1.5 This proposal would have no impact on income levels.

**2. Proposal 2: Increase the price of a Specific Season Ticket**

- 2.1 Specific Season Tickets are available within three car parks within the city centre. Whilst these guarantee a parking space they do not guarantee an allocated space in one of the three car parks which are a short walk from the city centre (Market Road (A), Market Avenue / South Pallant (C) and Orchard Street (area north of the entrance nearest the roundabout only) (D). The demand for these tickets has exceeded supply in two of the car parks (A and D), and the allocation is managed through a waiting list. The season ticket can be used between Monday and Friday and it is valid in the car park specified only. Specific Season Tickets are charged at £52 per month, (£51

when purchased online and a discount allowed when a whole year is purchased thus giving 12 months for the price of 11 at a cost of £561.00 per year – equivalent to £46.75 per month).

- 2.2 There are a total of 185 specific season tickets in use at present.
- 2.3 When comparing this cost to that of an x-roving season ticket (see Proposal 1 above), the differential between the x roving and specific season ticket prices does not reflect the benefit gained i.e. guaranteed space and closer to city centre. The cost of specific season tickets should therefore be considered and an increase applied to reflect the benefit gained.
- 2.4 It is therefore proposed that the cost of a specific season ticket is increased from the current £52 per month to £75 per month. This increase is estimated to raise an additional £50,000 per annum.
- 2.5 There is a risk of potential deflection onto the surrounding areas should the season ticket prices be deemed to be too high by customers. Whilst it is recognised that season tickets do provide a subsidised parking option for individuals, there is feedback from customers and local residents that the cost of these means that drivers are opting to park in neighbouring streets. These factors should be balanced in consideration of the option and for those that do not wish to pay the increased price for the benefit received there is the alternative of a roving season ticket

### **3. Proposal 3: Rural Season Tickets.**

- 3.1 Rural Season Tickets are sold for car parks in Bosham, Petworth, Midhurst, East Wittering and Selsey. These are all sold at £12.50 per month, or £15.00 per month in Bosham. There is a waiting list within Midhurst and Petworth. There are a total of 306 rural season tickets in use at present
- 3.2 It is proposed that the rural season tickets are increased as follows:
  - Bosham season ticket to £16.50 per month and
  - all other rural season tickets to £14 per month.
- 3.3 The Parking Forum also considered an alternative option of all rural season tickets being priced at £15.00 per month but the majority voted on £16.50 per month for Bosham and £14.00 for all others. This increase is estimated to raise an additional £7,500 per annum.

### **4. Proposal 4: Evening Charges**

- 4.1 Charges in Chichester District Council's car parks are currently levied until 18.00 (latest). The authority is quite unique in that we do not require payment within car parks during the evening, particularly given that other local authorities in West Sussex (Crawley, Arun and Horsham) have charges which apply in some car parks ranging either until 8pm, 10.30pm or all night). It is considered that the offer which Chichester city now provides has moved on significantly from when charging hours were first determined – i.e. our evening 'offer' has

developed and this is having a resultant effect on the wear and tear of the car parks with the increased use.

- 4.2 This proposal would focus on two city car parks - one short stay (New Park Road) and one long stay (Northgate). It is proposed to extend the payment hours in these two car parks by two hours – from 6pm until 8pm with appropriate enforcement. This proposal would be on a trial basis to monitor any impact on local roads which could result. However the following mitigation already exists/will be introduced to ensure the impact is minimal:
- The Franklin Place area is covered by J zone which is enforceable until 9pm so it is felt that introducing charges until 8pm in Northgate car park would have little or no impact on parking for residents;
  - Customers for the Festival Theatre would only need to pay for up to one hour (70p) to cover their visit;
  - Any customers who do not wish to pay to park until 8pm they have ample other car park options close by which they could use (Usage levels would be monitored if this is introduced) and
  - Some short stay limited bays (max 20 minutes) will be introduced at the New Park Road car park to enable customers to collect take-away food from the local take-away outlets.

- 4.3 Should this be introduced, consultation would be undertaken with Chichester Festival Theatre and other interested parties. Initial consultation has been undertaken with Chichester Festival Theatre and the New Park Centre, and the feedback from this will be provided orally to Cabinet. The proposed charges in the evening will help to cover the costs of maintenance, lighting and the CCTV provision in the car parks, amongst other costs. This change is estimated to raise an additional £98,500 per annum.

## **5. Proposal 5: Charges for Motorhomes**

- 5.1 The authority regularly receives requests for information from the public related to whether and where motorhomes are able to park within the district. There are currently no specific motorhome parking facilities but it is proposed that this is considered and will be provided in the future as part of re-lining works in car parks. Any such bays will be focussed around the long stay car parks. The scheme would allow for either promotion of the use of existing bays within car parks (with payment to be made for every bay used), which is currently the informal situation in place at present, or for designated bays which reflect the price of a larger bay. If introduced there would be no impact on income. However, it could improve the District's attractiveness as a tourist destination.

## **6. Proposal 6: Electric Vehicle Charging**

- 6.1 The authority currently provides two electric vehicle charging bays which are within East Pallant car park. For electric vehicles there is no car parking fee for using these bays providing the electric vehicle is plugged in and being charged. Electricity costs are not charged to the customer. The charging points are operated by 'Charge Your Car'. Consideration is currently being given to

options which are on the market at present and these are being considered alongside potential locations to extend the offer of electric vehicle charging points across the authority.

- 6.2 Cabinet agreed that any roll out of electric vehicle charging points would be ‘revenue neutral’ to CDC in future and consideration is being given to ensuring that any future provision of electric vehicle charging points covers the costs associated with its provision (currently circa £3,000pa), whilst working to ensure that any potential charge to customers does not significantly reduce demand.
- 6.3 It is therefore proposed that a charging regime is implemented to cover the use of the spaces for electric vehicle charging points to ensure that the provision is “revenue neutral”.