

Report of: The Transport & Parking Business Manager

To: Executive Board

Date: 19th February 2007

Item No:

Title of Report : Central Area Saturday Parking Tariff



Summary and Recommendations



Purpose of report: To increase Saturday parking charges in central area car parks



Key decision: YES

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Jean Fooks

Scrutiny Responsibility: Finance Scrutiny Committee



Area(s) affected: Carfax

Report Approved by:



Councillor Jean Fooks – Portfolio Holder

Emma Burson – Financial and Asset Management



Sammy Franklin – Legal and Democratic Services



Policy Framework: To improve the environment in which we live, improving transport mobility and maintaining financial stability.



Recommendation(s):



1. To increase the Saturday parking tariff in the central car parks to those charges indicated in Appendix 2
2. Formally consult with the County Council and seek its views on the proposed option



1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report proposes changes to the central area Saturday tariffs at the Westgate, Worcester Street, Gloucester Green Underground, Abbey Place and Oxpens car park.

2. **COUNCIL'S VISION**

- 2.1 The proposal supports the Council's vision by Improving Transport and Mobility and maintaining financial stability, reduce the polluting affect on the environment and assist in improving the air quality within the city centre.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Tariffs were last changed in August 2006 when there was a general increase in the Monday to Sunday tariffs.

4. **CURRENT SITUATION**

- 4.1 The current tariff for the central car parks is detailed in Appendix 1

5. **JUSTIFICATION FOR AN INCREASE IN TARIFFS**

- 5.1 As a general rule local authorities should set fees and charges to cover the cost of service provision plus a prudent margin of excess. The exception to this is where charges are set to secure a particular policy objective, when a greater surplus may be budgeted for. In seeking to impose these increases the Council is relying on promoting and achieving the following policies and strategies.

- 5.2 The Oxford Transport Strategy has been endorsed jointly by this Council and the County Council and seeks to encourage owners of private vehicles to use other means of transport and to deter commuter or long term parking in the city centre.



- 5.3 The existing usage of the central car parks peaks on a Saturday with numerous Saturdays when there are queues to use the car parks. The proposal of a Saturday tariff is to attempt to further deflect Saturday parking to park and ride sites. The reduction of Saturday parking should also reduce traffic movements around and within the sites by reducing waiting time for spaces to be vacated within the car parks and therefore reducing congestion and pollution.



6. **PROPOSAL**

- 6.1 The proposal is to increase each tariff band by approximately 50% with adjustments to the coinage for each band.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 This proposed increase in income has been included in the 2007/08 budget process. The estimated additional income in 2007/08 will be £354K.
- 7.2 The implementation of the increased charges should be during May 2007.

8. PROCEDURES

- 8.1 The Council must publish notice of its intention to increase the tariff. This can be achieved by publishing a notice in at least one local newspaper and displaying copies of the notice in those car parks affected by the tariff increase. The notice must be published at least 21 days before any variation to the tariff can take effect. As the proposed change to the tariff could potentially impact on the flow of traffic in and out of the city centre, it will also be necessary to consult the County Council

9. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no staffing implications as a result of this proposal.

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Background papers: None

APPENDIX 1

EXISTING CENTRAL AREA PARKING TARIFF

Westgate, Worcester Street, Oxpens, Abbey Place

	MONDAY TO SUNDAY 0800 – 1830						ALL OTHER TIMES
1 to 2 hour	0 to 1 hour	2 to 3 hour	3 to 4 hour	4 to 6 hour	6 to 8 hour	8+	
£1.90	£3.00	£4.80	£6.00	£9.70	£14.50	£18.20	£1.50

Gloucester Green Underground

	MONDAY TO SUNDAY 0800 – 1830						ALL OTHER TIMES
1 to 2 hour	0 to 1 hour	2 to 3 hour	3 to 4 hour	4 to 6 hour	6 to 8 hour	8+	
£2.40	£3.70	£5.50	£7.20	£11.40	£16.80	£20.50	£2.10

APPENDIX 2

PROPOSED CENTRAL AREA PARKING TARIFF

Westgate, Worcester Street, Oxpens, Abbey Place

Monday to Friday and Sunday as existing

	SATURDAY ONLY 0800 – 1830						ALL OTHER TIMES
1 to 2 hour	0 to 1 hour	2 to 3 hour	3 to 4 hour	4 to 6 hour	6 to 8 hour	8+	
£3.00	£4.50	£7.50	£10.00	£14.50	£22.00	£27.50	£2.50
(£1.90)	(£3.00)	(£4.80)	(£6.00)	(£9.70)	(£14.50)	(18.20)	(£1.50)

Monday to Friday and Sunday charges in brackets

Gloucester Green Underground

	SATURDAY ONLY 0800 – 1830						ALL OTHER TIMES
1 to 2 hour	0 to 1 hour	2 to 3 hour	3 to 4 hour	4 to 6 hour	6 to 8 hour	8+	
£3.60	£5.60	£8.30	£10.80	£17.00	£25.20	£30.80	£3.20
(£2.40)	(£3.70)	(£5.50)	(£7.20)	(£11.40)	(£16.80)	(£20.50)	(£2.10)

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