

Report of: The Transport & Parking Business Manager

To: Executive Board

Date: 19th March 2007

Item No:

Title of Report : Park and Ride Parking Tariff Changes



Summary and Recommendations



Purpose of report: To increase the parking charge at the Peartree, Redbridge and Seacourt park and ride car parks.

Key decision: YES

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Jean Fooks

Scrutiny Responsibility: Finance Scrutiny Committee



Area(s) affected: Hinksey Park, Jericho and Osney and Wolvercote

**Report Approved by: Councillor Jean Fooks – Portfolio Holder
Christopher Kaye – Financial and Asset
Management**



Jeremy Franklin – Legal and Democratic Services



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



Recommendation(s):

1. To increase the parking tariff at the Peartree, Seacourt and Redbridge park and ride sites.



2. Formally consult with the County Council and seek its views on the proposed option



SUMMARY

- 1 This report proposes changes to the parking fee at the Peartree, Seacourt and Redbridge park and ride car parks. These car parks are under the City Council's control, the other two park-and-ride car parks are not under the City Council's control.

BACKGROUND

- 3 Tariffs at our park-and-ride car parks were last changed in 2001.

CURRENT SITUATION

- 4 The current parking charge is 60p per day if paying cash or discounted to 50p per day if payment is by permit or decremental card payment.

REASON FOR AN INCREASE IN TARIFFS



The park and ride car parks are currently operating at a loss. It has been 6 years since the tariff was last increased. An increase was considered during the budget making process for the 2007/2008 financial year. Council has decided, in the context of the Budget, that the parking charge should be increased to £1.00 with no discount.

PROPOSAL



- 6 The proposal is to increase the parking charge to £1.00 per day and to remove all discount concessions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7 The projected increase in income based on the proposed charge of £1.00 per day has been included in the 2007/08 budget process. The estimated additional income in 2007/08 will be £106K and in a full year £116K. This is based on the current levels of use of the park and ride sites. The additional income will provide funds to offset the current operating loss and provide a surplus which can be used to fund improvements at the three park and ride sites operated by the Council.
- 8 The implementation of the increased charges should be during May 2007.

PROCEDURES

- 9 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 the vicinity of the car parks, it will be necessary to give notice to the County Council of the City Council's intentions.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

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

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Background papers: None