

RECORD OF OFFICER DECISION

Local Government (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

Decision Date – 04/12/2023

Decision Maker: Executive Director of Development and City Services

Decision status: Is Key decision? No

Is subject to call in? No

Decision details:

The Council regularly reviews the charges for motorists to use its off-street parking facilities, both surface car parks and multi-storey car parks. Changes may be made for a number of reasons, including for stay-length management; to encourage motorists to choose other locations and/or travel modes; and to cover inflationary pressures. The Council last reviewed its charges in November 2022. This was a comprehensive review that established a new approach to charging, in order to deliver both financial objectives, and align with transport policies. No information has come to light since November 2022 to suggest that tariffs should be subject to comprehensive review. It is therefore proposed to increase tariffs across the board, by the rate of inflation.

Following discussion with the Council's S151 officer, it has been decided to apply an increase of 7.5% – rounded to the nearest 10p – to all off-street parking charges (with the exception of those in the Eaton Park car parks), to be implemented in January 2024. Orders concerning Eaton Park car parks are in need of review, so will be considered alongside this.

The making of orders to control the use of the Council's off-street parking places is an executive function and, as such, it falls under the executive scheme of delegation. This provides the Executive Director of Development and City Services with authority for all functions relating to off-street parking.

The decision has now been taken to proceed with the statutory notification process, as set out in The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (as amended). The full details of the proposed changes and timescales will be set out in full as part of the statutory notification process.

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