
SUBJECT: CHARGING FOR RESIDENTS' FIRST PARKING PERMITS
DATE: 11 JULY 2013
RECIPIENT: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

THIS IS NOT A DECISION PAPER

SUMMARY:

This report provides the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) with a summary of the Cabinet report relating to charging for residents first parking permits. The report will seek to delegate authority to officers to advertise and determine a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). The TRO will propose introducing charges for first residents parking permits and temporary residents parking permits in residents' zones 1 – 12 and 16.

BACKGROUND and BRIEFING DETAILS:

1. Residents' Parking Schemes are introduced at the request of communities to address issues caused to local residents by the unregulated parking of vehicles of non-residents, for example around the University of Southampton.
2. The Council currently makes no charge for first residents parking permits, or temporary residents' parking permits, in residents' zones 1 -16. Provision already exists for a second resident's parking permit to be issued in zones 2 -12 and 16 at a cost of £30. Because of the limited amount of parking available, a pool of 100 second residents' parking permits is available in zone 1, and these are issued on a first come first served basis at a cost of £30.
3. It is intended to exclude residents' zones 13, 14 and 15 from the proposal as they were introduced solely to enable management of parking in the vicinity of St Mary's Stadium on match days. The cost of these schemes is covered by an obligation on Southampton Football Club.
4. Providing residents with resident parking scheme results in financial pressures on Council resources which if not addressed going forward, will have a negative impact on the Council's ability to continue to provide this service to its current level or to expand it further.
5. It is proposed to introduce a charge of £30 for all first 12 months residents parking permits issued in zones 1-12 and 16. This is in line with the current charge of £30 for annual visitors' permits and second residents' parking permits and is set at a level that reflects the cost of administering the issue of a permit and managing the schemes.
6. It is proposed to introduce a charge of £15 for 3 months temporary residents' permits. This charge has been set at this level to reflect only the cost of administering the issue of a permit. It does not include any fixed cost associated with managing and running the schemes, such as the maintenance of signs and lines.

RESOURCE/POLICY/FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Resource

7. Work on the Traffic Regulation Orders advertising them and dealing with any subsequent representations received to the proposals will be carried out by Balfour Beatty, Traffic Management.
8. Day to day administration of the schemes, dealing with queries, processing permit applications and issuing permits will be carried out by Capita and the Council's Parking Services section.

Policy

9. The implementation of charges is compatible with the Local Transport Plan which seeks to put in place effective processes and schemes to manage the supply of limited on-street car parking availability, ensure a good quality of life for residents' of the city and encourage the use of alternative forms of transport. .

Financial

10. It is estimated that one-off set up costs of around £10k will be incurred implementing these proposals. This includes the cost to advertise the relevant Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's) and consider and determine any representations received to these proposals (£5k). This work will be undertaken by Balfour Beatty, Traffic Management. The cost to configure the existing permit management system and, revise the web pages, application forms and other information in the public domain, such as scheme information leaflets, will be undertaken by the Council's Parking Services section and will be managed within existing budgets.
11. If approved, the income for the financial year 2013/2014 is estimated to be in the region of £70k. This assumes an implementation date of 1st October 2013. With estimated income year on year thereafter of around £130k. This represents approximately half the current annual cost of running these schemes

Legal

12. Residents' Parking Schemes are implemented and managed in accordance with the Traffic Regulation Orders made under the Traffic Regulations Act 1984 and supplemented by secondary legislation and statutory guidance.
13. In introducing these proposals the Council has had due regard to its statutory duties under the Equalities Act 2010. An Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken on this proposal. No significant issues were identified which would prevent the introduction of the charging proposals.

OPTIONS and TIMESCALES

- 14. The proposal could be implemented by 1st October 2013, subject to Cabinet approval and the TRO determination.

Appendices/Supporting Information:

None.

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