

**CABINET MEETING 12TH JUNE 2023****7 REVIEW OF PARKING CHARGES**

Councillor Lynn, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Public Services and Communities presented a written report of the Director, Public Services on the Review of Parking Charges. The Parking policy was one of the most effective tools available to manage and influence traffic and travel on the highway network. Used well, it could lay the foundations for a more sustainable transport system, supporting active travel, public transport, and emerging alternative fuel technologies, whilst also still catering for those who needed to rely on a private car. The Calderdale Parking Strategy was adopted by Cabinet in October 2022 and this review now operationalises the underlying principles within the strategy,

The Council undertakes a bi-annual review of parking charges to ensure its approach to both on-street and off-street parking was appropriate and continued to support strategic policies around transportation, traffic management, the climate emergency, and strong and thriving towns. The last review was approved by Cabinet in Summer 2020 and delivered in Autumn 2021.

The report set out a package of proposals, together with supporting rationale developed within the context of the Parking Strategy and the wider imperatives and increases in charges were generally limited to what they would be if they had increased in line with inflation each year since they were last reviewed, with a number kept below that level. It included an overall assessment of the specific circumstances in each town and considered other initiatives which may affect the supply of and/or demand for parking in that area so that the proposals were coordinated and 'joined-up'. It provided comparative information on parking charges in nearby council areas and proposed the introduction of a discounted 'Green Parking Permit' to promote and support wider ownership of electric vehicles.

The report also suggested that the revenue generated from charges was used to support additional carriageway lining work, together with the preparation of detailed parking studies for each of the main towns in the borough. The proposals in the report supported the Parking Strategy, the Climate Emergency that was declared in 2019, and wider supporting strategies, including the Air Quality Strategy and ongoing Transportation initiatives to encourage active travel. These strategies all recognised the importance of good parking management and charging policy in positively influencing travel behaviour.

The report outlined background information, options considered, financial, legal, human resources and organisational development, environmental, health and economic implications.

The Chair advised that the submission and issues raised by Councillor Barnes would be addressed.

Councillor Lynn advised that the Parking Strategy was adopted last year. There was a change to the recommendation outlined at 3.4 of the Director, Public Services written report on the new charges for resident parking zone permits, where it was proposed

to set new charges for residents permits as, first permit at £30, second permit at £40 and the third permit at £60.00.

Councillor Patient advised that there were competing priorities to why this report was being considered and Green Parking Permits formed an important part of this.

**RESOLVED** that:

(a) the proposed tariff changes relating to existing car parking charges set out in Appendix 1 of the Director, Public Services written report be agreed and implemented;

(b) the proposed tariffs relating to the introduction of new on-street charges set out in Appendix 1 of the Director, Public Services report be agreed and implemented;

(c) the proposed tariffs relating to the introduction of new off-street charges set out in Appendix 1 of the Director, Public Services written report be agreed and implemented;

(d) the proposed increase to the resident permit charges set out in Appendix 1 be agreed and implemented, subject to the amendment to the recommendation outlined at 3.4 in the Director, Public Services written report being amended for the new charges for resident parking zone permits, where it was proposed to set new charges for residents permits as, first permit at £30, second permit at £40 and the third permit at £60.00;

(e) the revised charges and amendments which were previously approved by Cabinet in 2018 but which had not yet been implemented for various reasons, be now implemented as set out in Appendix 3 of the Director, Public Services written report.

(f) the proposed electric vehicle contract permit set out in Appendix 4 of the Director, Public Services written report be agreed and implemented.

(g) the anticipated additional income in years one and two be used to boost additional carriageway lining capacity, prioritising areas where refreshed lining was needed for safety reasons or to ensure effective traffic management, with an amount then added to the annual lining budget in each subsequent year;

(h) the anticipated additional income be also used to support the area parking reviews described in section 4 of the Director, Public Services written report, which would ensure that comprehensive and up to date information was available to inform the development of individual town parking strategies that reflected local need; and

(i) a review of the Council car park estate be undertaken to identify any land which may be surplus to requirements and therefore suitable for disposal or alternative use, in line with established procedures.