

## Record of Officer Decision

### Proposal to vary the on street parking charges as of 2 November 2017

#### Decision Taker and Date Decision Taken:

Chief Finance Officer on 29 September 2017, in consultation with the Chief Executive and Mayor

#### Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision:

The proposed charges would see the tariff remain fixed across all Torbay Council on street pay and display parking places with no seasonal Summer or Winter tariffs being implemented.

#### The following officers of the Council, individuals and organisations were consulted:-

Kevin Mowat, Executive Head of Business Services  
Councillor Robert Excell, Executive Lead for Community Services  
Mayor's Executive Group  
Martin Phillips, Chief Accountant

#### The following background papers were used in considering the issue

Pay and display income figures for previous two years, and the current Summer and Winter tariffs.

#### Decision Taken:

"Borough of Torbay (Street Parking Places {Pay & Display}) Order No2 2017"

Parking charges in Torbay Councils on street pay and display parking places to be varied from 2 November 2017 as follows:

<u>Parking Period</u>	<u>Summer charge</u>	<u>Winter charge</u>	<u>proposed charge</u>
Up to 30 minutes	£1.00	50p	60p
Up to 1 hour	£1.50	£1.00	£1.30
Up to 1.5 hours	£2.50	£1.50	£2.50
Up to 2 hours	£3.00	£2.00	£3.00
Up to 3 hours	£4.00	£3.00	£4.00
Up to 4 hours	£5.00	£4.00	£5.00
Up to 5 hours	n/a	n/a	£6.00
Up to 6 hours	£7.50	£6.00	£7.00
Up to 24 hours	£10.00	£10.00	£9.00
Overnight	n/a	n/a	£3.50* (6pm to 8am)

\* Overnight charge only available at locations where charges apply 24 hours a day.

Summer charges currently operate from 22 March to 31 October, Winter charges operate from 1 November to 21 March (dates inclusive). Proposed charges would be see a year round charge in place with no seasonal changes to the tariffs.

There is no proposed change to the charges for the Commuter Parking Places (£1.50 for up to

4 hours, £2.50 to park all day).

**Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken:**

The proposals would see the parking charges remain consistent throughout both the Summer and Winter seasons in all of Torbay Councils on street pay and display parking places. This is in line with the Council's approved Parking Strategy.

By introducing a yearly parking charge the Council would also reduce its costs on having to upload new tariffs to all of the pay machines. Currently when charges change from the reduced winter tariff to the summer tariff it causes reputational damage to the Council because each Spring the public perceive this as an increase in charges rather than a simple reversion to the summer tariff. The proposed charges should therefore provide greater clarity to our customers as the charges will remain consistent throughout the year.

These changes will see the reintroduction of the overnight parking charge commencing at 6.00 p.m.

**Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected and Background Papers:**

Leave the Winter tariff unchanged and accept the risk that the annual income may well fall significantly short of the target and consequently place further pressure on the Council's revenue budget.

**Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation:**

None

**Implementation:**

This decision may be implemented immediately.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 29 September 2017  
Chief Finance Officer