

QUESTION BY COUNCILLOR



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To Cabinet Member: Cllr Jonathan Drear, Cabinet Member for Transport

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What is the cost of putting ticket machines into district car parks which will have a 2 hour restriction? What will it cost to change insisting machine to reduce time limits ie Mutley Plain? What will be the annual cost of tickets to fill the machines? Has it been costed to how much staff travel to car parks to enforce parking restrictions? Do we have enough staff to cover this or will recruit new staff and what will that costs? What cost impact will additional fuel to get staff to car parks cost?

Response: (for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members)

The cost of a new parking machines through our existing suppliers are £3900 each installed, these can vary slightly based on the make and model chosen and the infrastructure onsite, the machine are all solar powered so require no expensive installation/energy costs. We would however also consider using our existing surplus stock and therefore reduce this to installation and configuration at approximately £230 per machine.

Plymouth City Council introduced a new parking machine supplier in 2018, this supplier allows officers to design and amend the tariffs of our machines and thus reduce our ongoing costs. These machines are used in the two Mutley Plain Car Parks, Whilst we cannot provide accurate costings due to fluctuations in materials, the signage changes would cost £130per car park and the staff time for configuration £52 (based on two hours to complete). Our current Mobile Phone Payment contract allows us to request a number of free amendments per year.

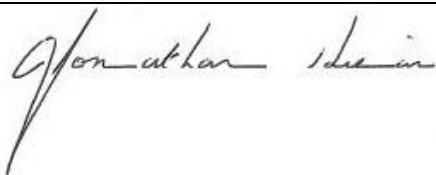
The intention is to be ticketless in these machines, this would therefore negate any costs for this aspect,

Plymouth City Council currently enforce both on street and off street parking in the district areas across our city, therefore there are regular patrols in these locations, the officers currently have to use maps and photographs of tyre valve markings to enable us to enforce in areas of limited waiting where there are no machines, this is costly and inefficient, it can take an officer over 2 hours to patrol a large car park, by using machines this will reduce the time significantly as the officer will only need to walk and scan each vehicle to ensure it has not overstayed,

Plymouth City Council have sufficient capacity within the Civil Enforcement Team to undertake these additional car parks, and whilst we are currently recruiting 5 new officers, this is to backfill vacant posts caused by retirement and relocation.

Plymouth City Council Parking Service drive a new fleet Electric Vehicles to support our commitment to the Climate Change Challenge, the cost for charging these cars is less than £1 per day.

Signed:



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