

# EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



## REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

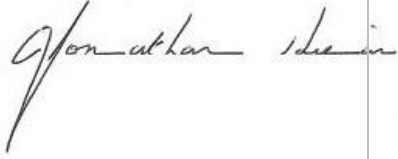
Executive Decision Reference Number – T21 22/23

Decision	
1	<b>Title of decision:</b> Parking Fees and Charges Review March 23
2	<b>Decision maker:</b> Councillor Jonathan Drean, Cabinet Member for Transport
3	<b>Report author and contact details:</b> Mike Artherton, <a href="mailto:Mike.artherton@plymouth.gov.uk">Mike.artherton@plymouth.gov.uk</a>
4	<p><b>Decision to be taken:</b></p> <p>i. To agree the implementation of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inflationary increases to On Street parking charges with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and to parking permits with effect from 10<sup>th</sup> April, as set out in Figure 1 at section 4.1 of the briefing report;</li> <li>• Inflationary increases to Off Street parking charges with effect from 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023, as set out in Figure 2 at section 4.1 of the briefing report;</li> <li>• Charges will apply to motorcycles parking within chargeable parking bays within Council car parks with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023;</li> <li>• Charges to apply to motorcycles parking within On Street pay and display bays upon completion of the current replacement of On Street payment systems (<i>expected by June 2023</i>);</li> </ul> <p>ii. To agree to:</p> <p>advertise and consult proposed new charges within Lawrence Road, at the Life Centre and Mountbatten, Devils Point, Jennycliff and Strand Street car parks as detailed within the briefing report and then to present a report to the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Parking, to consider all representations received during consultation, to determine whether to implement these proposals.</p>
5	<p><b>Reasons for decision:</b></p> <p>To implement inflationary increases to current fees and charges so that service charges seek to maintain pace with the cost of providing services;</p> <p>To apply charges to motorcycles to ensure a consistent approach to charges for parking and bring Plymouths charges more in line with other Councils;</p> <p>To consult on proposals that are aimed at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrating our values as a Responsible Council in responding to the climate emergency.</li> <li>• Supporting the Councils £9.8M investment in mobility hubs as part of a wider £58.8M; Transforming Cities investment to encourage modal shift and a step change in our sustainable transport offer;</li> <li>• Apply the principals of cost recovery and apply charges to a number of car parks and deliver a range of improvements to improve the customer experience;</li> <li>• Seeking to respond to the increasing costs of providing services, seeking to maintain pace with the costs of delivery services, and to protect income streams that are critical to the delivery of</li> </ul>

	key services.			
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Alternative options considered and rejected:</b></p> <p>Not to implement inflationary increases is rejected as this would impair the Councils ability to seek to maintain pace with increasing costs of delivering services and place pressures on key services reliant on income from parking;</p> <p>Not to apply charges to motorcyclists is rejected as this would not apply a consistent approach to charging and not bring Plymouth more in line with other Councils;</p> <p>Not to consult is rejected as this would not support our ambition to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate our values as a Responsible Council in responding to the climate emergency.</li> <li>• Support the Councils £9.8M investment in mobility hubs as part of a wider £58.8M Transforming Cities investment to encourage modal shift and a step change in our sustainable transport offer.</li> <li>• Remove the requirement for the Council to subsidise a number of leisure car parks and create the opportunity for investment to improve customer experience across these car parks.</li> </ul>			
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Financial implications and risks:</b></p> <p>There are costs of £5k associated with undertaking consultation on the proposed inflationary increases to Off Street charges, permits and the proposed introduction of charges to leisure car parks.</p> <p>All of the proposals within this report are expected to realise £463k of income (gross) in 2023/24; a net benefit of £423k factoring in costs of £40k to implement these proposals.</p> <p>The proposed inflationary increases to On Street charges, Off Street charges, permits and charges to motorcycles is expected to generate £350k in 2023/24.</p> <p>The remaining £113k is expected to be generated from the proposed inflationary increases to permits, off street parking and the proposed introduction of charges in leisure car parks in 2023/24. These specific proposals will be subject to a further Executive Decision, in consideration to any representations received during the consultation, in order to determine whether these proposals are implemented.</p>			
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> (please contact <a href="#">Democratic Support</a> for further advice)</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>	<p><b>No</b></p>	<p><b>Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:</b></p>
			x	in the case of <b>capital</b> projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of <b>£3million</b> in total
			x	in the case of <b>revenue</b> projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of <b>£1 million</b>
			x	is <b>significant</b> in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising <b>two or more</b> wards in the area of the local authority.
	<p><b>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the <a href="#">Forward Plan of Key Decisions</a></b></p>	N/A		
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan/Plymouth Plan and/or the policy framework and/or the</b></p>	<p>These proposals support our Corporate Plan, specifically:</p> <p>Support a green, sustainable city that cares about the environment;</p> <p>Create a vibrant economy, developing quality jobs and</p>		

	<b>revenue/capital budget:</b>	skills; Create a varied, efficient, sustainable transport network; Create a friendly welcoming city.		
<b>10</b>	<b>Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)</b>	The report sets out a range of proposals aimed at reducing our carbon footprint and encouraging modal shift and a step change in our sustainable transport offer. The proposals support the Councils commitment to be carbon neutral by 2030.		
<b>Urgent decisions</b>				
<b>11</b>	<b>Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?</b>	<b>Yes</b>		(If yes, please contact Democratic Support ( <a href="mailto:democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk">democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk</a> ) for advice)
		<b>No</b>	x	<b>(If no, go to section 13a)</b>
<b>12a</b>	<b>Reason for urgency:</b>			
<b>12b</b>	<b>Scrutiny Chair Signature:</b>		<b>Date</b>	
	<b>Scrutiny Committee name:</b>			
	<b>Print Name:</b>			
<b>Consultation</b>				
<b>13a</b>	<b>Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?</b>	<b>Yes</b>		
		<b>No</b>	x	<b>(If no go to section 14)</b>
<b>13b</b>	<b>Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?</b>			
<b>13c</b>	<b>Date Cabinet member consulted</b>			
<b>14</b>	<b>Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?</b>	<b>Yes</b>		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		<b>No</b>	x	
<b>15</b>	<b>Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?</b>	<b>Name</b>	Anthony Payne	
		<b>Job title</b>	Strategic Director for Place	

		<b>Date consulted</b>	<b>24/01/2023</b>					
<b>Sign-off</b>								
<b>16</b>	<b>Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:</b>	<b>Democratic Support (mandatory)</b>	DSI     22/23					
		<b>Finance (mandatory)</b>	PL.22.23.407					
		<b>Legal (mandatory)</b>	LS/0836/JP/060323					
		<b>Human Resources (if applicable)</b>	N/A					
		<b>Corporate property (if applicable)</b>	N/A					
		<b>Procurement (if applicable)</b>	N/A					
<b>Appendices</b>								
<b>17</b>	<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Title of appendix</b>						
	A	Briefing Report - Parking Fees and Charges March 2023						
	B	EIA - Parking Fees and Charges March 2023						
<b>Confidential/exempt information</b>								
<b>18a</b>	<b>Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?</b>	<b>Yes</b>		If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II') briefing report and indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in <b>18b</b> below.  (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)				
		<b>No</b>	x					
		<b>Exemption Paragraph Number</b>						
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>18b</b>	<b>Confidential/exempt briefing report title:</b>							
<b>Background Papers</b>								
<b>19</b>	Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below.  Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based. If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.							
<b>Title of background paper(s)</b>		<b>Exemption Paragraph Number</b>						

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Cabinet Member Signature</b>								
<b>20</b>	I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, Corporate Plan or Budget. In taking this decision I have given due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act (2010) and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.							
<b>Signature</b>				<b>Date of decision</b>	08/03/2023			
<b>Print Name</b>	Councillor Johnathan Drear							