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To:- All Executive Members

EXECUTIVE - TUESDAY, 21ST MARCH, 2023

Agenda No Item

110. **Off Street Car Park Charges**

Please find attached revised pages 64 and 71 of Appendix 5 of this item.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Parsonage', written in a cursive style.

Susan Parsonage
Chief Executive

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19/12/2022	<p>I feel very strongly that these parking charges should not be put in place now when the cost of living has risen so much recently. This parking increase would be more reflective if the council had invested in the development of our town and secured some shops for people to come and visit. Instead Wokingham is beginning to look like the old Bracknell, full of charity shops and not much else¹ The price increase will turn even more people away from supporting the local business. Please consider delaying this action or at least rethink the cost increase amount. Kind regards,</p>	<p>Prices remain competitive with neighbouring Local authorities. Benchmarking provided in the exec report along with the financial reasons for the increase in fees. Season tickets offer alternative cheaper solution that can be budgeted for by paying monthly Evening charges are set low at £1.00 for the first hour and £2.00 max</p>	No material change
19/12/2022	<p>Hi, With reference to your "Proposed changes to off-street car park charges" found in the slightly oddly numbered order (No. **00) Order 2023 I would like to provide the following feedback. It has been stated previously that the increases are due to loss of throughput in traffic post COVID and yet parking is close to near Pre-Covid levels again. The Park and Ride Car parks are running at a significant loss and yet these car parks are not significantly affected by this changes in charges. Wokingham council are heavily favouring diverting trade outside of their shopping areas by heavily subsidising park and ride schemes to shopping areas in Reading and asking residents to pay significantly more to pay in their local town centres. These charges will affect trade directly in the town centres where residents are less likely to use the shops for smaller shopping trips. Instead favouring online shops or driving further to shops with free car parks. Residents near affected car parks will see increased car parking on their streets with a higher increase in parking violations through poor parking. The incorporation of car parks such as Bulmershe leisure centre is in direct conflict with the use of these centres to increase health and fitness. To summarise., the scale of car park charge increases and the scope (increasing car parks included) is highly non-proportionate and should stay as it is today. Thank you.</p>	<p>Prices remain competitive with neighbouring Local authorities. Benchmarking provided in the exec report along with the financial reasons for the increase in fees. Season tickets offer alternative cheaper solution that can be budgeted for by paying monthly Evening charges are set low at £1.00 for the first hour and £2.00 max A review of the Park & ride car park fees and costs is currently being considered separately to this Order process.</p>	No material change
20/12/2022	<p>"Please do not put up the car park fees. I am a pensioner and on a limited income"</p>	<p>Prices remain competitive with neighbouring Local authorities</p>	No material change

21/12/2022	<p>1. I accept a small increase in the car parking charges but I do not agree with parking charges for the evening BH and Sundays. This will be bad for town centre businesses it will also increase the number of vehicles which will use roads around the town centre for their parking which is a detriment to other road users. 2. I am told the Borough is increasing the charges due to a loss of income from the park and ride. The council spent a long time building a park and ride at TV business park , it was never sign posted as a park and ride and I drive passed it everyday. I can confirm there were never any Signs to say it was a park and ride. It has now been given to hospital to use for staff to get to and from and the general public cannot use it..... most of the time it is half empty whilst the roads around in TVP business park have vehicles parked all along as they have nowhere to park! The council periodically come along and place parking fines on vehicles. The other park and ride at Winnersh has been closed for a very long time and work in the car park is never ending! 3. Do not punish the citizens of Woodley who support their local centre due to the councils bad management of the park & ride locations in the borough which could and should be used. 4. Other cities such as Oxford and Bath have very successful park and rides, which generate a good income so Wokingham need to resolve this issue to generate more income and reduce cars going into Reading. Thereby providing a more affordable car parks in Woodley for local people to use and support local business. Kind regards,</p>	<p>Prices remain competitive with neighbouring Local authorities. Season tickets offer alternative cheaper solution that can be budgeted for by paying monthly Evening charges are set low at £2.00 max</p> <p>The proposals are not as a result of loss of income from the P&R sites. All P&R sites other than Coppid Beech which is not opened, has generated income.</p> <p>Park and Rides are not included in this proposal and will be reviewed later.</p>	No material change
21/12/2022	<p>If these increased charges go ahead, it will be bad news for all the shops, restaurants and other businesses. I for one would go else where for hair cuts and eating out and meeting friend socially. Kind regards</p>	<p>Prices remain competitive with neighbouring Local authorities. Benchmarking provided in the exec report along with the financial reasons for the increase in fees. Season tickets offer alternative cheaper solution that can be budgeted for by paying monthly Evening charges are set low at £1.00 for the first hour and £2.00 max</p>	No material change
21/12/2022	<p>We think it is a huge mistake to double car parking charges in Wokingham town centre. It will discourage us from shopping in Wokingham. The shops need as much support as possible as many are struggling to survive. The recently built multi storey car park is much too inconvenient as it's too far from the shopping centre. My mobility is restricted so I cannot use this car park. Bracknell lexicon centre is fast becoming a better option. Regards</p>	<p>Prices remain competitive with neighbouring Local authorities. Benchmarking provided in the exec report along with the financial reasons for the increase in fees. Season tickets offer</p>	No material change