

## COUNCIL CABINET 14 MARCH 2006

**ITEM 12** 

Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation

# **Proposed Car Parking Charges Increases**

## **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Council reviews its car parking charges annually. The attached paper provides details of increases which it is proposed to introduce in 2006/7.
- 1.2 Cabinet is now asked to consider the proposed increases in detail.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

2. To authorise the introduction of revised car parking charges as set out in Appendix 2. The charges to take effect from 27 March 2006.

## REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The proposed increase in parking charges is consistent with the Council's transport policies to reduce dependence on the car.
- 3.2 Increasing parking charges will help support other services and help to ensure that levels of subsidy offered to public transport, for example, are maintained.



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Report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration & Community

## **Proposed Car Parking Charge Increases**

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 The City Council carries out an annual review of its car parking charges.
- 1.2 Appendix 2 indicates the proposed increases. 10p is the minimum denomination accepted by some of our payment machines and increases less than this are therefore not possible.
- 1.3 Appendix 2, in tables 2 to 7, indicates how our proposed car parking charges compare to neighbouring authorities. It can be seen that charges in Derby would continue to remain competitive when compared to Nottingham, Leicester and Stoke on Trent.
- 1.4 The proposals have been advertised within the car parks and in the media. Any comments received will be reported verbally. It is proposed, subject to Cabinets approval, that the changes will be introduced with effect from 27 March 2006.

## **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

2. All other options for increasing car parking charges have been considered. These included retaining existing charge levels through to increases above those proposed.

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Background papers: None

**List of appendices:** Appendix 1 – Implications

Appendix 2 – Proposed charges

### **IMPLICATIONS**

### **Financial**

1. The minimum increase in car parking charges is in part determined by the fact that some of our payment machines do not accept denominations less than 10p. The increase in car parking charges will result in an increase in car parking income of £270,000 a year. This additional income will be used to offset cost increases within the service and will help ensure that levels of subsidy offered to public transport and other similar services are maintained. The cost of implementing the increase, including advertisement and amendments to signage is expected to cost approximately £1000.

## Legal

2. The Council operates much of its parking provision in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Under this legislation the Council is required to publicise any changes to tariffs for a minimum of three weeks in advance of the change taking effect.

#### **Personnel**

3. None.

### **Equalities** impact

4 None.

## Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. Car parking income, reinvested to support service delivery, helps to ensure that the Council maintains **excellent services**, **performance and value for money**.