

## **PROPOSED PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT OF CAR PARKING CHARGES TO SUPPORT 2006/07 BUDGET**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The proposed budget for 2006/07, to be determined by Council in March, includes proposals to increase car parking charges.
- 1.2 Increased income from car parking charges will help to fund a range of Council services. To ensure that any increase is kept to a minimum it will be necessary to ensure that they can be implemented as early as possible.
- 1.3 Approval is sought to advertise the proposed increases in advance of, but subject to, Council determining the budget and Cabinet considering any representations that may be received.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 To approve early public advertisement of proposed car parking charge increases.
- 2.2 To report any comments received from public advertisement to Cabinet.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 To ensure that we are in a position to implement car parking charge increases at the earliest opportunity.
- 3.2 To enable Cabinet to consider any comments received.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 4.1 Included within the current proposed budget for 2006/07 is an increase in car parking charges. The increase amounts to an increase in income of 9% or £270k per year.

- 4.2 Table 1 attached indicates the proposed increases necessary. Some charges have been proposed to increase by just 6.7% while a limited number of others, particularly evening charges, will rise by 14.3% or 16.6%. The higher percentage increases generally apply in circumstances where the actual increase in the cost of parking is just 10p.
- 4.3 Also attached, as Tables 2 to 7, is information indicating how our proposed charges compare to neighbouring authorities. It can be seen that car parking in Derby would continue to remain competitive when compared to Nottingham, Leicester and Stoke on Trent.
- 4.4 In order for the increase in parking charges to be kept to a minimum it is necessary to be able to apply the charges at the earliest opportunity. To amend parking charges we are required to advertise our proposals. It is proposed to advertise those charges set out in Appendix 1 in advance of, but subject to, an decision that Full Council may reach on the Councils budget at its meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2006.
- 4.5 Any comments received during the advertisement period will be reported to Cabinet on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Tables 1 to 7

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**IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial**

- 1.1 Advertisement of the proposed changes to car parking charges will cost approximately £500.

**Legal**

- 2.1 The Council operates much of its public parking provision in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Under this legislation the Council is required to publicise any changes to car parking charges for a minimum of three weeks in advance of any change taking place.

**Personnel**

- 3.1 None

**Equalities impact**

- 4.1 None

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

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

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