

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2022/23
Decision No.
2394

Record of Decision by Executive

Tuesday, 6 December 2022

Portfolio	Health and Public Protection
Subject:	Review of parking charges at coastal locations and options identified in September 2020 Review
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

This report sets out the results of a review of charging at coastal car parks, introduced in August 2021, and reconsiders options for town centre parking identified as part of the September 2020 Review.

A review of parking services was considered by the Executive on 07 September 2020. As a result of the review, the Executive agreed to the introduction of charging in coastal car parks, which took effect from August 2021 (March 2022 at Portchester Castle sites).

A review of charging at coastal locations has now been undertaken, and suggests recommendations based on the effectiveness of the new arrangements following one full year of operation.

Options for town centre car parks, including a review of tariffs, evening charging, season tickets and blue badge charging, were identified as part of the September 2020 review but were deferred until a later date. These options have been considered again as part of the current review.

The recommendations proposed within this report support the need to generate income to continue to provide maintenance and enforcement activity across all the Council car parks, whilst supporting the Borough economy to recover from the significant impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Options Considered:

Deputations were received in respect of this item from Beryl Swain, Verity Fair, Graham Allibone, Gareth Jones and County Councillor Roger Price.

Comments received from local residents in respect of this item were tabled at the meeting for consideration.

Additional information was tabled at the meeting in respect of the three additional car parks for which the feasibility of introducing coastal charging is being assessed.

The comments of the Health & Public Protection Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillors Ms C Bainbridge and Mrs K K Trott addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that:

- (a) a full review of town centre parking be undertaken in 2024;
- (b) the charge for a coastal season ticket be set at £145 per year with a concessionary rate of £95 per year for residents of the Borough of Fareham;
- (c) hourly charges in coastal car parks be increased by 10% in line with inflation;
- (d) the existing £6 per day cap on charges at pay-and-display coastal car parks be removed;
- (e) a feasibility report to support categorisation of additional car parks as coastal should be undertaken; and
- (f) height barriers at Portchester Precinct are not installed.

Reason:

Changes to coastal parking charges will provide additional income for the Council, whilst ensuring that the town centre economy is not adversely impacted.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Portfolio	Health and Public Protection
Subject:	Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

To review and extend the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) under section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 following the statutory consultation which controls begging, drug taking and consumption of alcohol in the town centre.

The current PSPO requires review as the statutory three-year period is due to expire on 24 December 2022. Fareham Town Centre has reduced begging, street drinking and the taking of drugs, however this Order enables enforcement action to be taken when incidents are having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those who live, work in and visit Fareham.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees to extend the current Public Spaces Protection Order under section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 for a further 3 years in relation to Fareham Town Centre.

Reason:

Begging, street drinking and taking drugs cause fear within the local community and have a detrimental impact on the quality of life for those who live, work in and visit Fareham.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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