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## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Report to the Executive for Decision 7 June 2021

<b>Portfolio:</b>	Health and Public Protection
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Traffic Regulation Order for Coastal Car Parks – consideration of consultation responses and delegation by the Executive Leader of the Council to the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection to determine such orders in the future</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Head of Environmental Health
<b>Corporate Priorities:</b>	Strong, Safe, Inclusive and Healthy Communities. Dynamic, Prudent and Progressive Council.

**Purpose:**  
This report sets out the results of the recent Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) consultation for coastal car parks and requests consideration by the Executive and a decision on the adoption of an updated Off-Street Parking Order, alongside changes to the Scheme of Delegation.

#### **Executive summary:**

At the meeting of the Executive on 07 September 2020, the introduction of £1 hourly charging for up to 6 hours, between the hours of 10am and 6pm in the Borough's 9 coastal car parks was agreed.

A Season Ticket scheme was subsequently approved by the Executive on 04 January 2021. A Draft Off-Street Parking Places (Amendment 3) Order 2021 consultation took place between 19 March 2021 and 09 April 2021.

In response to feedback received, minor amendments were made to the Order, with the final version now being presented for consideration.

If approved, signage will be put in place and publicity arranged to ensure visitors are aware of the changes to the parking restrictions ahead of the introduction of charging this summer.

In addition, the Executive Leader of the Council has the sole ability to delegate authority to individual Executive Members to discharge executive functions where he

considers it appropriate and expedient to do so. In relation to TROs the Executive Leader of the Council considers this to be appropriate ie for the Executive Member of Health and Public Protection (or subsequent appropriate Executive Member) to consider representations and make decisions on future Traffic Regulation Orders in order to ensure the efficiency and timeliness of implementing any future changes.

**Recommendation/Recommended Option:**

It is recommended that the Executive considers the representations made and resolves whether to:

- (a) adopt the updated Off-Street Parking Places (Amendment 3) Order found at appendix A; and

That the Executive Leader of the Council:-

- (b) amends the Scheme of Delegation to Individual Executive Members to grant the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection the delegated authority to determine future Traffic Regulation Orders.

**Reason:**

To allow the introduction of charging in the Council's coastal car parks and to approve changes to the Scheme of Delegation so that future changes to Traffic Regulation Orders can be agreed by the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection.

**Cost of proposals:**

The costs of amended signage at car parks and any additional publicity will be met within current budgets.

**Appendices:** A: Off Street Parking Places (Amendment 3) Order 2021

**Background papers:** TRO Consultation Representations

**Reference Papers:** 7 September 2020 Executive Report - Parking Service Review.  
4 January 2021 Executive Report – Concessionary and Season Ticket options at Coastal Car Parks.

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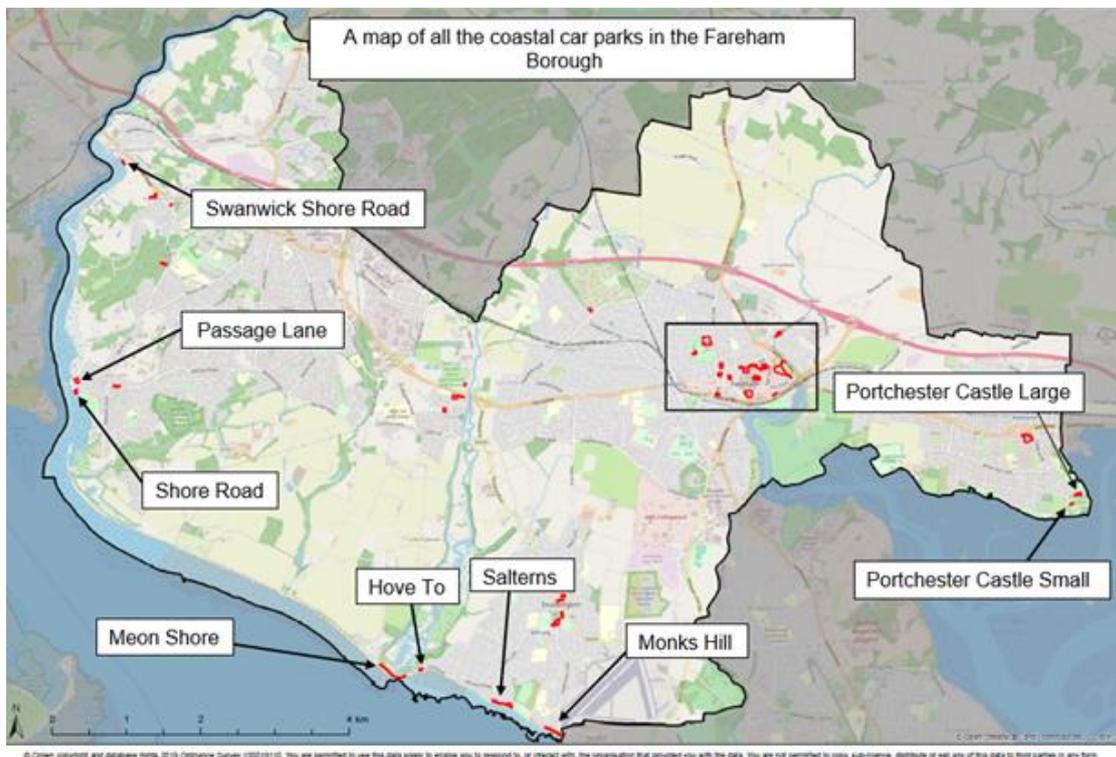
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### Executive Briefing Paper

<b>Date:</b>	07 June 2021
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Traffic Regulation Order for Coastal Car Parks – consideration of consultation responses and delegation by the Executive Leader of the Council to the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection to determine such orders in the future</b>
<b>Briefing by:</b>	Head of Environmental Health
<b>Portfolio:</b>	Health and Public Protection

#### INTRODUCTION

1. This report provides feedback on the results of the recent Traffic Regulation Order consultation regarding the introduction of charging in coastal car parks. It also seeks approval for the adoption of an updated Off-Street Parking Order so that charging in seven coastal car parks can be introduced, namely:
  - Swanwick Shore Road
  - Passage Lane
  - Meon Shore
  - Hove-To
  - Shore Road
  - Salterns Road
  - Monks Hill
2. The locations of the above car parks are shown on the map below:



3. Approval will also be sought for authority for the consideration of representations and approval of amendments to Traffic Regulation Orders to be delegated to the Executive Member of Health and Public Protection.

### **Background**

4. At the meeting of the Executive on 07 September 2020, the introduction of a charge of £1 per hour up to 6 hours parking in the Council's 9 coastal car parks between 10am and 6pm was approved.
5. A request was made that season tickets and concessionary arrangement options for individual coastal car parks be presented at a future meeting of the Executive, to include an option (in principle) for an £80 per annum season ticket.
6. The Executive also granted approval for a consultation on the required changes to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to take place once a preferred approach to Season Ticket provision had been confirmed.
7. A Season Ticket scheme was subsequently approved by the Executive on 04 January 2021, namely that non-transferable season tickets, valid for 12 months in any coastal car park would be made available to the public at a cost of £80. Recognised coastal organisations such as sailing clubs would be able to purchase up to 10 season tickets per organisation, which could be transferred between cars, with the aim of supporting their staff and volunteers at a cost of £80 each.
8. This approval meant that a TRO consultation could take place. The Draft Off Street Parking Places (Amendment 3) Order 2021 consultation ran between 19 March 2021 and 09 April 2021.
9. Negotiations with English Heritage regarding the introduction of charging in the two coastal car parks at Portchester Castle are still ongoing and were therefore not

included in the consultation.

10. The proposed order and details of how to take part were placed on the Council's website. A notice was published in the Hampshire Independent and consultees including Hampshire Constabulary, Hampshire County Council, the Road Haulage Association, the Freight Transport Association and various local bus companies were contacted.
11. Public notices were sited in each of the seven car parks affected, emails were sent to the 1,600 members of the E-panel and interested organisations such as St Mary's Church, local sailing clubs and the beach hut owner's association were also contacted.
12. The following paragraphs of the report highlight the main results of the consultation.

### **Consultation Results**

13. Overall, 211 responses were received from a range of interested parties including regular car park users, beach hut owners, coastal organisations and allotment holders. A significant number of respondents opposed any changes to the coastal car parks.
14. In addition, the following main themes emerged, each of which were carefully considered by officers and the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection.
15. **Further concessions:** A number of respondents felt that further concessions such as lower season ticket prices or tickets transferable between cars, should be made for certain groups e.g. residents or beach hut owners.
16. Whilst challenging to predict with complete certainty, previous modelling indicates that with 300 subscribers to the £80 per annum Season Ticket, overall income could be reduced by up to £60,000 per annum following tax deductions. Further concessions, such as lowering season ticket prices for residents or allowing transferable tickets between cars would have an even greater detrimental impact on parking income.
17. Designated coastal organisations will be given the opportunity to purchase up to 10 transferable season tickets each. These will be for the sole use of their staff and volunteers, without whose help, many of the organisations would struggle to operate. Selling transferable tickets to the public would further reduce parking income, potentially impacting on the Council's ability to provide effective parking management and enforcement.
18. It must also be remembered that the £80 per annum season ticket represents excellent value for money, costing approximately 22p a day or £1.54 a week. The £80 charge is equal to the cost of just under 2 weeks' worth of hourly chargeable parking. Most Season Tickets holders will park for significantly more hours during any 12-month period.
19. Taking these considerations into account, it is proposed that no further concessions are granted.
20. **More designated spaces:** Several respondents wanted assurance that the coastal car parks will continue to offer designated spaces for Blue Badge Holders and concessionary stall owners, and some asked for more spaces. Any further designation of spaces would negatively impact on the availability of spaces available, particularly

during peak times e.g. summer holidays.

21. Taking these considerations into account it is proposed that no further parking spaces are designated.
22. **Impact on local roads:** A number of respondents were concerned that the introduction of parking would result in more cars parking in surrounding roads. This was a potential issue flagged at an early stage of the Parking Review.
23. The Parking Team continue regular dialogue with Hampshire County Council, which has responsibility for on-street parking enforcement and any potential areas of concern regarding such parking. As part of the engagement with interested parties, Hampshire County Council informed the Council that they were supportive of the proposals in the draft order and were not anticipating a significant amount of parking being transferred to surrounding residential roads.
24. Taking these considerations into account, it is proposed that the Council continues its ongoing dialogue with Hampshire County Council once charging in coastal car parks is introduced, quickly notifying them of any issues.
25. **Impact on allotment users:** A number of Western Wards Allotment Association members commented that the proposed waiting restrictions of 2-hours in the Warsash Road car park would reduce the time that they could spend on their nearby plots.
26. The 2-hour restriction was originally proposed to counter the potential risk of a reduction in the number of available spaces caused by people avoiding charges in the Passage Lane and Shore Road car parks by parking in this car park which remains non chargeable.
27. Taking these considerations into account, it is proposed that the waiting restriction in Warsash Road car park be increased to 4 hours with no return within 8 hours.
28. **Impact on local businesses:** It was proposed within the draft TRO that cars would be able to park for up to 12 hours, 6 of which would be chargeable, in all the coastal car parks. Some businesses close to the Swanwick Shore Road and Shore Road car parks were concerned about the potential impact on their customer numbers during the summer, if the number of available spaces were restricted by cars parking all day.
29. Taking these considerations into account, it is proposed that the waiting restrictions in both Swanwick Shore Road and Shore Road car parks be limited to 4 hours with no return within 8 hours, between 1 April and 31 September.

### **The final proposed Order**

30. Appendix A contains the proposed Off-Street Parking Places (Amendment 3) Order 2021 for approval. The main provisions are outlined below:

Hourly charging of £1 an hour for up to 6 hours between the hours of 10am and 6pm, with a maximum stay of 12 hours in the following car parks:

- Swanwick Shore Road  
(maximum of 4 hour stay in the summer months)
- Passage Lane
- Meon Shore

- Hove-To
- Salterns Road
- Shore Road (maximum 4 hours stay in the summer months)
- Monks Hill car parks

Designated Season ticket holders will be able to park for up to 14 days including overnight.

The maximum waiting period in Warsash Road Car Park, to be 4 hours per day with no return within 8 hours.

### **Individual Executive Member Delegated Authority**

31. Following the termination of the Hampshire County Council Traffic Management Agency Agreement, the Scheme of Delegation to Individual Executive Members was amended in May 2017 and removed the TRO approval function.
32. In order to ensure timeliness and efficiency when approving future Traffic Regulation Orders, it is proposed by the Executive Leader of the Council that he amends the Scheme of Delegation to delegate authority to the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection for this function.

### **Next Steps**

33. If the Amended Off-Street Parking Order is approved, updated signage will need to be put in place in time for the commencement of charging, the cost of which will be met within existing budgets. It is anticipated that charging would then begin in the summer of this year.
34. Following a successful conclusion of negotiations with English Heritage, a further TRO consultation would need to take place covering the two car parks at Portchester Castle.

### **CONCLUSION**

35. Following public consultation, an updated Off-Street Parking Order has been presented for consideration and approval, which would enable the introduction of charging in seven of the Council's coastal car parks. In addition, delegated authority for the Executive Member of Health and Public Protection to consider representations and approve future Traffic Regulation Orders is sought.