

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

2022/23  
Decision No.  
2394

### Record of Decision by Executive

Tuesday, 6 December 2022

<b>Portfolio</b>	Health and Public Protection
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Review of parking charges at coastal locations and options identified in September 2020 Review</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Leisure and Community
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	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 Alex Rhodes, Beryl Swain, Tim Haynes, Claire Hadaway, Verity Fair and Graham Allibone.

The comments of the Health & Public Protection Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering 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 raised to a concessionary rate of £95 per year, with a higher standard rate of 50% more for non-concession/non-Borough residents;
- (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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