

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL22 MARCH 2017Report by Director of EnvironmentTHE EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2017
(IN PART)**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of the report is to ask the Council to approve the making and confirmation of “The East Renfrewshire Council (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2017 In Part”.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2 It is recommended that the Council approves the making and confirmation of “The East Renfrewshire Council (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2017” in part and delegates to the Director of Environment the implementation of the Order in accordance with the associated statutory procedures.

BACKGROUND

3. In October 2016 the Council considered a report on proposals to consult on parking charges being implemented and Controlling Regulations being updated and extended to a number of car parks. The Council

- Noted the proposal that controlling regulations would be updated and cover all car parks set out within an appendix to that report;
- Authorised the Director of Environment to advertise for consultation the Traffic Regulation Order in accordance with statutory processes

4. The draft Order was subsequently advertised in two parts. These were

- The first part of the draft Order proposing to introduce parking charges in certain car parks
- The second part of the draft Order proposing to introduce or amend Controlling Regulations within Council car parks

5. On 9th February 2017 the Council agreed

- Not to proceed with the introduction of on street car parking charges;
- That the Director of Environment brings forward a report to the Council to make and confirm the East Renfrewshire (Off Street Parking Places) Order In Part to bring into force the Off Street Car Park Controlling Regulations

REPORT

6. The introduction of the Controlling Regulations will allow Community Wardens to manage Council owned car parks and where necessary serve Penalty Charge Notices for infringements such as:

- Parking outwith marked bays,
- Overnight parking of a vehicle as sleeping accommodation or for residential purposes in the car park between the hours 11:00pm and 7:00am,
- Carrying out of any business or commercial activities within the limits of the car park without the written consent of the Council.

7. Members are reminded that at the close of the consultation on 4th December 2016 no representations/objections to the Controlling Regulations were received.

FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY

8. The financial implications of implementing the Traffic Regulation Order will be met from existing resources.

CONSULTATION

9. Consultation with regards to this order, undertaken between 7 November & 4 December 2017, was carried out in compliance with "The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) Scotland Regulations 1999 (and subsequent amendments)". The emergency services and all other organisations/persons likely to be affected by any provision in the order (including Community Councils and Elected Members) were notified individually of the proposals. Notices of the proposals were also published within the local newspapers.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

10. The Council's parking enforcement is a joint working arrangement between Roads & Transportation Services and Corporate & Community Services. The Departments have worked closely on the preparation of the draft Traffic Regulation Order to ensure that the new restrictions can be enforced and incorporated into the work programme.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS

11. There are no property, IT, equalities or sustainability implications arising from the proposals.

CONCLUSIONS

13. The draft Traffic Regulation Order for Off Street Parking Charges also proposed Controlling Regulations to which there were no objections. The proposal for charging was rejected. Only those parts of the Order concerning the Controlling Regulations should be made and confirmed by Council, in order to better manage Council owned car parks.

RECOMMENDATIONS

14. It is recommended that the Council approves the making and confirmation of “The East Renfrewshire Council (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2017 In Part” and delegates to the Director of Environment the implementation of the Order in accordance with the associated statutory procedures.

Director of Environment

Further information can be obtained from Andrew Cahill, Director of Environment or Shona Fraser, Environmental Services Manager, Telephone 0141-577-3417 or roads@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

THE EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2017 IN PART. Copies placed in Members lounge

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