

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

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Report by Director of Environment

INTRODUCTION OF OFF-STREET PARKING CHARGES

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to:
 - Update the Council on the previous report dated 20 April 2016 which granted approval for Roads & Transportation Services to prepare and advertise a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce off-street parking charges;
 - Agree a preferred option for the level of charges to be introduced and the locations where charging could be implemented;
 - Advise the Council of all off-street car parks where there will be updated controlling regulations regardless of whether or not parking charges apply; and
 - Authorise the Director of Environment to advertise the Traffic Regulation Order in accordance with the statutory procedures

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. It is recommended that Council:
 - (a) Agree to parking charges being implemented in the car parks set out in Appendix 1;
 - (b) Approve either parking levy option 1 or option 2 as outlined in Appendix 1;
 - (c) Note that the controlling regulations will be updated and cover all car parks set out in Appendix 2; and
 - (d) Authorise the Director of Environment to advertise the Traffic Regulation Order in accordance with the statutory procedures.

BACKGROUND

3. There are a number of off street car parks which provide an important shopping and commuter function throughout East Renfrewshire. The effective management of our car parks is currently difficult as they serve a number of competing needs including commuting, shopping and associated leisure uses resulting in off-street parking in key areas being in very high demand. East Renfrewshire is one of a few places in the wider Glasgow area which does not charge for off-street parking and many of our existing spaces are taken all day by only one vehicle, some by commuters from out-with East Renfrewshire. This prevents turnover and limits the number of spaces available for short stay shopping and leisure uses.

4. As part of the Council's budget setting process it was agreed to consider the introduction of parking charges. This project is part of the Council's planned savings proposals which seeks to realise income of £200,000 from financial year 2017/18 onwards, to potentially offset the requirement to make service reductions elsewhere.

5. An initial assessment was carried out by Roads & Transportation Services and a recommendation to proceed with preparation and advertisement of a Traffic Regulation Order was approved by the Council on 20th April 2016.

6. This initial assessment brought forward seven potential locations where it would be beneficial to introduce off-street parking charges in accordance with the budget setting process and in order to ensure better access to parking for short-stay leisure and shopping.

REPORT

Parking Charges

7. Following Council approval to progress the proposal to introduce parking charges with a view achieving the planned benefits including realising income of £200,000 per annum, from 2017/18, consultation took place with key stakeholders including Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT), Network Rail, ScotRail and the Business Improvement District Manager for Giffnock and Clarkston at that time.

8. During these consultations it became apparent that there were various issues which relate to charging at the following locations:

<u>Giffnock Station Road</u>	A section of the car park is owned by Network Rail. This means the number of potential charging spaces is 76 out of a total of 117 spaces
<u>Patterton Car Park</u>	There is a clause in the original improvement grant award from SPT that the Council should not impose a charge for the use of these car parks without the prior written agreement of SPT. This agreement to date has been refused by SPT
<u>Carlibar Road Barrhead</u>	
<u>Kingston Road Neilston</u>	

9. During the assessment process, the aim has been to keep short stay parking cheaper and more attractive than long stay parking. However, the reduction in potential parking spaces where charges can be applied has implications for the initial financial projections which were undertaken.

10. As a result, a number of options were considered, including other off street car parks under the control of the Council.

11. Taking account of this, it is now proposed to introduce parking charges in seven car parks as shown in Appendix 1. In recommending these charging options, the main function of the car park, VAT payments, allowances for displacement parking and maintenance have all been considered.

12. Various charging models have been considered based on surveys of car park usage.

13. Two options are being recommended for consideration by the Council, as shown in Appendix 1.

14. Option 1 introduces a charge of £1 for zero to 2 hours (except for the Foundry car park at Barrhead) and all day parking is £3 (except for Overlee and Moray Clarkston which is only really suitable for all day parking).

15. Option 2 sets the zero to 2 hours charge at 50p (free at the Foundry) with all day parking set at £4 (with the exception of Overlee and Moray Clarkston). The aim of this option is to reduce the financial impact on short stay parking but with all day parking charges set higher than option 1.

16. Residents' parking permits have been considered but are not considered the best option at this time, for the following main reasons:

- The eligibility of residents would have to be agreed.
- The number of permits per household would have to be agreed.
- Potential cost of permits to residents.
- Administrative costs

17. Discussions have taken place with neighbouring authorities where permit schemes have been implemented to further inform the process. However, this is still work in progress.

Controlling Regulations

18. The proposed Traffic Regulation Order will also update the car park regulations. This covers issues such as parking only in marked bays, vehicle maintenance, permitted vehicles, parking of mobile homes etc. This part of the Order will cover all car parks in Appendix 2 regardless of whether or not parking charges apply.

19. The implementation of controlling regulations will enable the Council's Parking Attendants to manage the car parks more effectively and issue Penalty Charge Notices where there are infringements.

FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY

20. There is provision of £155,000 within the Council's General Fund Capital Programme for 2016/17 to progress this proposal with a view to the introduction of parking charges during 2017/18. Either Option 1 or Option 2 as set out in Appendix 1 will need to be implemented if the Council is to achieve the agreed savings proposals for 2017/18.

CONSULTATION

21. Consultation on these proposals will form part of the Traffic Regulation Order Statutory Procedures. A further report will be brought to Council once this is complete to consider any objections or representations.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

22. Roads & Transportation is working in partnership with Community & Democratic Services, Legal Services, IT, and Customer First to draft the Traffic Regulation Order and prepare to procure the equipment to enable parking charges to be implemented.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS

23. The implications of the proposals in terms of staffing, property, legal, IT, equalities and sustainability will not be fully known until the Statutory Procedures for the Traffic Regulation Order are complete.

CONCLUSIONS

24. To manage the turnover of spaces within off street car parks that provide an important shopping/commuter function and support the department to achieve optimum efficiency, it is proposed to promote a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce parking charges in selected Council operated off street car parks using one of the charging levy options as set out in Appendix 1. In addition the Traffic Regulation Order will update the controlling regulations for all car parks set out in Appendix 2 which enables the Council's Parking Attendants to manage the car parks more effectively.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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KEY WORDS

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APPENDIX 1 - PROPOSED PARKING CHARGES LEVY

Option 1			
Car Parks	Parking Regime	Predicted Income	% Displacement
Foundry Car Park Barrhead	0 to 2hrs Free/ All day parking £3	£41,446.55	45
Broomburn Shops N. Mearns	0 to 2hrs £1 / All day parking £3	£40,563.49	45
Cochrane Street Barrhead	0 to 2hrs £1 / All day parking £3	£20,798.76	45
Overlee and Moray Clarkston	All Day parking £2	£27,061.32	45
Merrylee Place Giffnock	0 to 2hrs £1 / All day parking £3	£18,311.97	45
Station road Giffnock	0 to 2hrs £1 / All day parking £3	£52,840.79	45
Clarkston Goods Yard	0 to 2hrs £1 / All day parking £3	£72,923.14	45
	Deductions for Maintenance	70,000	
		£203,946.02	

Option 2			
Car Parks	Parking Regime	Predicted Income	% Displacement
Foundry Car Park Barrhead	0 to 2hrs Free/ All day parking £4	£55,262.06	45
Broomburn Shops N. Mearns	0 to 2hrs free /All day parking £4	£23,700.02	45
Cochrane Street Barrhead	0 to 2hrs 50p /All day parking £4	£21,797.18	45
Overlee and Moray Clarkston	All Day parking £3	£40,591.98	45
Merrylee Place Giffnock	0 to 2hrs 50p /All day parking £4	£18,481.46	45
Station road Giffnock	0 to 2hrs 50p /All day parking £4	£65,588.09	45
Clarkston Goods Yard	0 to 2hrs 50p /All day parking £4	£83,818.88	45
	Deductions for Maintenance	70,000	
		£239,239.67	

Notes

- No charges will apply to holders of valid Blue Badges
- Charges apply Monday – Saturday 08:00 – 18:00
- All figures above are estimates based on selected survey data
- Percentage displacement is an approximate figure of reduced car park use due to charging

APPENDIX 2 CAR PARKS WHERE CONTROLLING REGULATIONS WILL APPLY

Area	Name	Ownership	Capacity (Including DPPB's)	DPPB's
Barrhead	Cochrane Street	Council - R&T Operated	38	3
Barrhead	Lowndes Street, (Council Office Car Park)	Council - Other	20	1
Barrhead	Princes Square, (Behind Shops)	Council - R&T Operated	30	2
Barrhead	Ralston Road, (Stormyland Way)	Council - R&T Operated	19	2
Barrhead	Water Road, (Barrhead Sport's Centre)	Council - R&T Operated	70	5
Barrhead	Water Road, (Behind Council HQ)	Council - Other	66	4
Busby	Mary Young Place	Council - R&T Operated	17	2
Clarkston	Clarkston Road, (Clarkston Goods Yard)	Council - R&T Operated	119	8
Clarkston	Clarkston Road, (Clarkston Library)	Council - Other	20	7
Clarkston	Moray Drive	Council - R&T Operated	40	2
Clarkston	Moray Drive, (Overlee Park)	Council - Other	47	2
Giffnock	Eastwood Park, (Council HQ)	Council - Other	264	15
Giffnock	Eastwood Park, (Eastwood House)	Council - Other	25	8
Giffnock	Merryvale Place	Council - R&T Operated	27	2
Giffnock	Rouken Glen Road, (Rouken Glen Park Large Car Park)	Council - Other	353	16
Giffnock	Rouken Glen Road, (Rouken Glen Park Small Car Park)	Council - Other	35	3
Giffnock	Station Road, (Giffnock Train Station)	Council - R&T Operated	117 (76 ERC)	7
Muirend	Hazelden Park, (Muirend Sports Pavilion)	Council - Other	82	3
Neilston	Kingston Road	Council - R&T Operated	33	0
Neilston	Main Street, (Behind Killoch Bar)	Council - R&T Operated	17	0
Neilston	Neilston Road, (Neilston Library & Leisure Centre)	Council - Other	30	3
Netherlee	Linn Park Avenue, (Netherlee Pavilion)	Council - Other	37	2
Newton Mearns	Ayr Road, (Broom Shops)	Council - R&T Operated	42	3
Newton Mearns	Barrhead Road, (Fairweather Hall)	Council - Other	11	2
Newton Mearns	Crookfur Road, (Crookfur Pavilion)	Council - Other	113	3
Newton Mearns	Harvie Avenue, (At Shops)	Council - R&T Operated	34	2
Newton Mearns	Mearns Road, (Broomburn Shops)	Council - R&T Operated	80	5
Newton Mearns	Westacres Road, (Albertslund Community Centre)	Council - Other	10	2
Thornliebank	Eastwood Crescent	Council - Other	16	2
Thornliebank	Carnwadric Road, (Council Depot)	Council - Other	100	2
Thornliebank	Ingleston Avenue, (Woodfarm Sports Pavilion)	Council - Other	41	3
Thornliebank	Main Street, (Thorntree Hall)	Council - Other	10	2
Uplawmoor	Tannoch Road, (Mure Hall)	Council - Other	24	3