

# Director Using Urgency Powers

See attached report

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## DIRECTOR USING URGENCY POWERS

22 FEBRUARY 2013

### CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGETS 2013/2014 – FEES AND CHARGES (PARKING)

#### Summary

To agree an amended schedule for car parking fees and charges for 2013/2014.

#### 1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 Paragraph 4.1 of the Employee Delegation Scheme enables the Chief Executive and Directors to act on behalf of the Council in cases of urgency only where the urgent matter is of such a nature that it may be against the Council's interest to delay and where it is not practicable to obtain the approval of the Council, subject to consultation with the Leaders of all the groups which comprise at least 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the membership of the Council (or their nominees), subject to consultation with the Leaders of all the groups which comprise at least 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the membership of the Council (or their nominees).
- 1.2 Following the decision, the decision taker will provide a full report to the next available Council meeting explaining the decision, the reasons for it and why the decision was treated as a matter of urgency. On this occasion, this matter will be reported to Council on 25 April 2013.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 Council agreed the Capital and Revenue Budgets 2013/2014 on 21 February 2013 including the following decision in respect of fees and charges:
  - The Council approved, as part of the budget proposals, fees and charges, as recommended by Cabinet and set out in the booklet 'Medway Council - Fees and Charges April 2013' as set out in Appendix 8 to the report.
- 2.2 The fees and charges agreed at Council on 21 February included a schedule of car parking charges for Pay and Display car parks across the borough. Unfortunately, that schedule was incorrect and reflected charges that predated the decision of Council last year to increase parking fees and freeze the resultant fee for 3 years. The budget that was agreed at the Council meeting on 21 February 2012 was understandably predicated upon the fees agreed last year and reference to Appendix 2a in the budget report reveals that there was no allowance for a decrease in fees consistent with the supporting schedule. This would have generated an income loss estimated at some £250,000 and would clearly have been noticeable as a change. The correct schedule of car parking charges is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

- 2.3 Were the decision of Council on 21 February, to agree the schedule of changes presented allowed to stand uncorrected, officers would need to commence preparation for revised Parking Orders and making arrangements to modify the pay and display machines. Additionally the budget as agreed would be optimistic in terms of the parking income to be collected and an overspending would be likely to occur. Clearly both of these consequences are to be avoided if possible and this urgency action will achieve that outcome.
- 2.4 The Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture and Chief Finance Officer consulted with the Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group (in the absence of the Leader of the Conservative Group) and Leader of the Labour Group in accordance with the provisions set out in paragraph 4.1 of the Employee Delegation Scheme, in terms of the proposal to agree a revised schedule of car parking charges to take effect from 1 April 2013.

### **3. Decision**

- 3.1 That the schedule of car parking charges set out in Appendix 1 to this report be agreed, to replace the car parking charges schedule set out in the fees and charges included in the Capital and Revenue Budgets 2013/2014 report to Council 21 February 2013, using urgency powers as set out in Paragraph 4.1 of the Employee Delegation Scheme, to take effect from 1 April 2013.



.....(signed)

Robin Cooper, Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture  
22 February 2013

## Car Parks - Proposed Prices 2013/2014 Pay and Display

**Chatham Short Stay - Includes: James Street, Rhode Street, Sir John Hawkins, The Paddock, Globe Lane, Medway Street and Church Street**

Existing Tariff Band	Existing Prices	Proposed Prices	% Increase
0-1	90p	90p	0%
1-2	130p	130p	0%
2-3	140p	140p	0%
3-4	150p	150p	0%
4-5	160p	160p	0%
5+	520p	520p	0%

**Chatham Long Stay - Includes: Riverside, Whiffens Avenue, Queen Street, Slicketts Hill, Union Place, Upper Mount, Old Road, Town Hall & Market Hall. Gun Wharf - weekends and bank holidays only.**

Existing Tariff Band	Existing Prices	Proposed Prices	% Increase
0-1	90p	90p	0%
1-2	130p	130p	0%
2-4	150p	150p	0%
4-6	190p	190p	0%
6-8	270p	270p	0%
8+	340p	340p	0%

**Rochester Short Stay - Includes: Blue Boar Lane, Cathedral, Almon Place & Boley Hill**

Existing Tariff Band	Existing Prices	Proposed Prices	% Increase
0-1	70p	70p	0%
1-2	120p	120p	0%
2-4	140p	140p	0%
4-5	150p	150p	0%

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Rochester / Strood Long Stay - Includes High Street 1, High Street 2, Berkeley House, Easons Yard, King Street, Union Street, Corporation St, The Common, Commercial Rd & Temple St, Civic Centre .

Existing Tariff Band	Existing Prices	Proposed Prices	% Increase
0-0.5	40p	40p	0%
0-1	70p	70p	0%
1-2	120p	120p	0%
2-4	140p	140p	0%
4-6	170p	170p	0%
6-8	260p	260p	0%
8+	330p	330p	0%

Gillingham Short Stay - Includes: Balmoral Gardens & Britton Farm

Existing Tariff Band	Existing Prices	Proposed Prices	% Increase
0-1	70p	70p	0%
1-2	120p	120p	0%
2-3	130p	130p	0%
3-4	140p	140p	0%

Gillingham Short Stay - Includes: Jeffrey Street & Littlewoods

Existing Tariff Band	Existing Prices	Proposed Prices	% Increase
0-0.5	40p	40p	0%
0-1	70p	70p	0%
1-2	120p	120p	0%

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**Specials - Includes: Croneens, Eason's Yard & Grove Rd.**

Tariff Band	Existing Prices	Proposed Prices	% Increase
0-1	70p	70p	0%
1-2	120p	120p	0%
2-4	140p	140p	0%
4-6	170p	170p	0%
8+ 6+	250p	250p	0%
2 day ticket	480p	480p	0%

**Rainham Short Stay - Includes: Longley Road & Cricketers**

Tariff Band	Existing Prices	Proposed Prices	% Increase
0-0.5	40p	40p	0%
0-1	70p	70p	0%
1-2	110p	110p	0%
2-4	120p	120p	0%

**Rainham Long Stay - Includes: Station Road & Birling Avenue**

Tariff Band	Existing Prices	Proposed Prices	% Increase
0 - 0.5	40p	40p	0%
0-1	70p	70p	0%
1-2	120p	120p	0%
2-4	140p	140p	0%
4-6	170p	170p	0%
6-8	260p	260p	0%
8+	330p	330p	0%
2 Days	640p	640p	0%

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Tariff Band	Existing Prices	Proposed Prices	% Increase
0-0.5	40p	40p	0%
0-1	70p	70p	0%
1-2	110p	110p	0%
2-4	140p	140p	0%
4-6	170p	170p	0%
6+	250p	250p	0%

### Nelson Terrace

Tariff Band	Existing Prices	Proposed Prices	% Increase
0-1	50p	50p	0%
1-2	100p	100p	0%
2-4	120p	120p	0%
4-5	160p	160p	0%
5+	520p	520p	0%

### Medway Park Long Stay

Tariff Band	Existing Prices	Proposed Prices	% Increase
0-1	80p	80p	0%
1-2	110p	110p	0%
2-4	140p	140p	0%
4-6	170p	170p	0%
6-8	260p	260p	0%
8+	300p	300p	0%

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### Medway Park Short stay

Tariff Band	Existing Prices	Proposed Prices	% Increase
0-1	80p	80p	0%
1-2	110p	110p	0%
2-4	140p	140p	0%

### THE BROOK MULTI STOREY

Tariff Band	Existing Prices	Proposed Prices	% Increase
0-1	90p	90p	0%
1-2	130p	130p	0%
2-3	140p	140p	0%
3-4	150p	150p	0%
4-5	170p	170p	0%
5+	520p	520p	0%
Lost Ticket	520p	520p	0%

### MARKET HALL MULTI STOREY

Tariff Band	Existing Prices	Proposed Prices	% Increase
0-1	80p	80p	0%
1-2	120p	120p	0%
2-4	130p	130p	0%
4-6	150p	150p	0%
6-8	230p	230p	0%
8+	310p	310p	0%
Lost Ticket	310p	310p	0%

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## Car Parks - Proposed Prices 2013/2014 Pay and Display

### ∞ ON STREET - Rochester, Strood and Gillingham

Tariff Band	Existing Prices	Proposed Prices	% Increase
0-1	80p	80p	0%
1-2	110p	110p	0%
2-4	140p	140p	0%
4-6	170p	170p	0%
6-8	260p	260p	0%
8+	300p	300p	0%

### ON STREET - Chatham

Tariff Band	Existing Prices	Proposed Prices	% Increase
0-1	100p	100p	0%
1-2	120p	120p	0%
2-4	150p	150p	0%
4-6	180p	180p	0%
6-8	270p	270p	0%
8+	310p	310p	0%

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