

COUNCIL

25 APRIL 2013

SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS – ADDENDUM REPORT

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Summary

Further to the main report on the Council agenda, this details the use of urgency powers by the Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture on 22 February 2013. This was inadvertently omitted from the main report.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 The Constitution requires that urgent action, in relation to matters reserved to Council, shall be reported to the next available Council meeting.

2. Background

- 2.1 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 1/10th of the membership of the Council (or their nominees).
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 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.

- 2.4 The fees and charges agreed at Council on 21 February 2013 included a schedule of car parking charges for Pay and Display car parks across Medway. Unfortunately, that schedule was incorrect and reflected charges that pre-dated 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 revealed 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.
- 2.5 Had the decision of Council on 21 February 2013, to agree the schedule of changes presented been allowed to stand uncorrected, officers would have needed to commence preparation for revised Parking Orders and making arrangements to modify the pay and display machines. Additionally the budget as agreed would have been optimistic in terms of the parking income to be collected and an overspending would be likely to occur. Clearly both of these consequences had to be avoided if possible and this urgency action sought to achieve that outcome.
- 2.6 The Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture and Chief Finance Officer had 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 on 22 February 2013 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.
- 2.7 Following this, the Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture made the following decision on 22 February 2013:
- 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.
- 2.8 This decision and associated report was published to the Council's website on 22 February 2013, emailed to all Members of the Council, and can be accessed here:
<http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgConvert2Pdf.aspx?ID=6806&T=9>

3. Financial, legal and risk implications

- 3.1 The requirement to report decisions taken under urgency provisions is set out within the Constitution. Details of the financial, legal and risk implications were set out in the Capital and Revenue Budgets 2013/2014 report.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 That the report be noted.

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Background papers

None

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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Car Parks - Proposed Prices 2013/2014 Pay and Display

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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Car Parks - Proposed Prices 2013/2014 Pay and Display

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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Car Parks - Proposed Prices 2013/2014 Pay and Display

Rainham - High Street

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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Car Parks - Proposed Prices 2013/2014 Pay and Display

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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