

Report to: **South Hams Executive**
Date: **7 February 2019**
Title: **Pay & Display review**
Portfolio Area: **Environment Services**
Wards Affected: **Allington & Strete, Charterlands and Stokenham**

Relevant Scrutiny Committee:

Urgent Decision: **N** Approval and clearance obtained: **Y**

Date next steps can be taken: To be considered by the Council on 21 February 2019.
(*e.g. referral on of recommendation or implementation of substantive decision*)

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Recommendations:

That the Executive recommends to Council that the following amendments are made to the South Hams Off-Street Parking Places Order:

1. Pay & Display charges be amended in accordance with Appendix 1, following consultation with local communities.

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 This report requests that Members consider the recommendation to amend Pay & Display charges in accordance with the schedule at Appendix 1.

2. Background

- 2.1 As Members will be aware, South Hams District Council has been reviewing its public toilet service and, as a result, has resolved to implement Pay on Entry in the facilities with higher footfall.

- 2.2 However, for some 'destination' areas, it has been requested that, in place of a Pay on Entry scheme at the public toilets, the District Council incorporate the anticipated income from such a scheme in its parking charges at Bigbury and Slapton.
- 2.3 Having considered this in conjunction with legislation governing the reasonable setting of car parking tariffs the following view is felt to be reasonable.

Destination car parks with public toilets

In the case where a car park has a toilet facility at the location but has no other facilities close by, for example at a beach car park, then it is reasonable to incorporate facility usage within the parking tariff. This is due to the fact that patronage of the car park is highly likely to include use of the toilet facility during a visit. Signage will clearly show that this contribution is being made in order to maintain a free toilet at the site.

- 2.4 As Members will also be aware, South Hams District Council has a 'Community Led Parking Charges' policy, which allows for local Town and Parish Council, plus other stakeholders in each area, to work with the District Council in making recommendations about parking charges. This enables parking charges to be designed to meet the needs of individual communities.
- 2.5 Appendix 1 shows the current and proposed revised parking charges for the following car parks:
- Bigbury
 - Memorial, Slapton
 - Strete Gate
 - Torcross
 - Torcross Layby.
- 2.6 Members will note that the proposed charges will ensure that adequate additional income is generated from the car parks to support the toilets remaining free to access. In addition, and in consultation with the relevant Parish Councils, officers have used this opportunity to resolve the issue of the overnight charge, which was causing concern for customers.

3. Outcomes/outputs

- 3.1 Details of the revised charges are included at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The additional income generated from this review will be transferred to the public toilet budget each financial year.

4. Options available and consideration of risk

- 4.1 Should the recommendations above be resolved, they will be the subject of a 21-day consultation period, which customers will be

aware of by a notice published in the local press and on the Council's website, together with notices in all affected car parks. This will allow customers to object to the proposals, and to make representations to the Council, should they wish to do so. If a large number of objections are received, the matter and representations will be referred to the Executive for further consideration.

5. Implications

Implications	Relevant to proposals Y/N	Details and proposed measures to address
Legal/Governance		<p>The Council has power to provide off-street parking under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).</p> <p>The Council has the power to deal with the provision, management and control of car parks.</p>
Financial		<p>The consultation exercise will cost approximately £400 to advertise, which will be funded by the Car Parks budget.</p> <p>The modelling has been undertaken which demonstrates that the proposed Pay & Display charges will generate sufficient income in place of installing Pay on Entry at the public toilets in Bigbury and the Slapton Line.</p>
Risk		Reduced use of car parks - however, this is considered to be a very low risk.
Comprehensive Impact Assessment Implications		
Equality and Diversity		A comprehensive impact assessment has been completed in respect of this matter which shows that there are no groups of customers which are adversely affected more than others.
Safeguarding		No implications.
Community Safety, Crime and Disorder		No potential positive or negative impact on crime and disorder reduction.
Health, Safety and Wellbeing		No implications.
Other		None.

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Supporting Information

Appendix 1 – proposed Pay & Display charges.

Approval and clearance of report

Process checklist	Completed
Portfolio Holder briefed	Yes/No
SLT Rep briefed	Yes/No
Relevant Exec Director sign off (draft)	Yes/No
Data protection issues considered	Yes/No
If exempt information, public (part 1) report also drafted. (Cabinet/Scrutiny)	Yes/No