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Title of report: Review of Off-Street Car Park Tariffs

Report : To recommend that Executive review the tariffs charged on the Council's off-street car parks. For Crown Car Park there is a separate recommendation to allow for the sale of season tickets and the introduction of a new tariff.

Executive are asked to authorise the steps to enable amendments to the On and Off-Street Parking Places Orders in line with the recommended changes

What evidence/data is being used to support this equality analysis? Please select all that apply.:

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Why are the changes being introduced?: Ipswich Borough Council has absorbed increased costs for both the direct and indirect costs associated with the operation of the Council's short stay car parks since Executive last reviewed the short-stay tariff in June 2022.

Like many other councils across the country, the Council is experiencing significant financial pressures, meaning that consideration should be given to the increasing cost pressures arising from its operations and balancing these with increased income wherever possible to avoid future

cost pressures and to contribute to the Council's savings programme.

Underutilisation of Crown multi-storey car park on weekdays has been previously identified and an opportunity now exists following a successful planning application to introduce season tickets which will support local businesses who have identified a need for longer stay parking in the north of the town centre.

Executive are asked to consider the various proposals for increases in parking tariffs and the implementation of seasons tickets and a new charging tariff at Crown car park. These proposals will assist in covering increased costs across the Council's operations and contribute to the Council's savings programme by delivering an expected £307,000 per annum of additional income.

The proposed short-stay tariff in the town centre for the first hour will still be 36% lower than it would have been if tariffs had been increased by the rate of inflation since 2011.

What evidence is being used to support this Equality Impact Assessment, and how is it being used?: A qualitative assessment of the proposals and their impacts.

How will this change be implemented?: If approved by the Council's Executive Committee a statutory public consultation will be carried out on proposals to make a new legal order (known as an Off-Street Parking Places Order) for the Council's car parks in accordance with the proposals in the committee report, and the same will be done in respect of a separate legal order in respect of the Cromwell Square on-street parking place. Objections or representations will then be considered and determined by officers under delegated powers. Thereafter, the new legal Orders will be made and the approved changes will be implemented.

Age: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: The proposals in this report do not have any specific impact on this protected characteristic.

Disability: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: The Council will continue to provide 3 hours free parking in all of its town centre short-stay surface car parks to assist blue badge holders with access to the town centre for shopping. In respect of the Cromwell Square on-street parking place, blue badge holders are legally entitled to free parking in all paid for parking bays and as such this will assist blue badge holders with access to the town centre for shopping.

Marriage & Civil Partnership: No impact

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Race: No impact

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Pregnancy & Maternity: No impact

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Religion or Belief: No impact

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Gender Reassignment: No impact

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Sex: No impact

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Sexual Orientation: No impact

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I can confirm the report does meet Ipswich Borough Council's equality objectives: I can confirm the report does meet Ipswich Borough Council's equality objectives

The report helps us to 'eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment & victimisation' in the following way(s): By ensuring that all residents have the facilities to park in Ipswich town centre and blue badge holders continue to have 3 hours free parking in the Council's short-stay surface car parks. In respect of Cromwell Square, by ensuring that all residents have the facilities to park in Ipswich town centre and blue badge holders continue to have free parking in paid for parking bays.

The report helps us to 'advance equality of opportunity...' in the following way(s): By ensuring that all local residents in communities in Ipswich have access to sufficient parking in Ipswich town centre to enable them to take part in shopping and leisure uses.

The policy helps us to 'foster good relations...' in the following way(s): By ensuring that all local residents in communities in Ipswich have access to sufficient parking in Ipswich town centre to enable them to take part in shopping and leisure uses.

The new provisions will be reviewed in the following way(s): No changes will be implemented before a statutory public consultation has been carried out and the results of this have been considered by officers. Any approved changes will be reviewed again after they have been introduced.
