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Date of executive meeting report will be going to: 16/06/2026

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Title of report: Parking Charges Review

Report : This report reviews the tariffs on the Council's off-street public car parks and on-street public paid for parking places and makes recommendations for changes.

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

Service area: Vibrant Town Services

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What is proposed?: This report reviews the tariffs on the Council's off-street public car parks and on-street public paid for parking places and makes recommendations for changes.

Why are the changes being introduced?: Executive is asked to consider various proposals for increases in parking tariffs both for its off-street public car parks and for on-street paid for parking places, the latter of which are operated on behalf of Suffolk County Council. If approved, changes are proposed to be implemented from 20th July 2026.

Executive is also asked to consider, subject to a successful trial period, the extension of the £2.70 after 2pm offer to include Saturdays and Sundays at the Council's Crown car park (as may be varied to £2.80 in accordance with recommendations). This builds on the Council's ambition to boost Ipswich's afternoon and night-time economy, encouraging more people to enjoy weekend evenings out.

The new Portman Road multi-storey car park is due to be constructed and open for use in 2028. Executive is also asked to authorise the inclusion of this car park in the Council's Off-Street Parking Places Order, at the relevant time, on the same tariff as will at that time be in place on the

Council's other long-stay car parks. Executive is also asked to authorise delegating to officers the power to amend the Order to incorporate the sale of season tickets on short-stay car parks where considered appropriate.

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 new legal order will be made to amend the Council's Off-Street Parking Places Order for the Council's car parks, and a new legal order will be made in respect of the affected on-street public paid for parking places in the Ipswich town centre area. In both cases, this will include a public notice being published providing details of the approved changes.

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 the protected characteristic of Age.

Disability: Positive

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: It is acknowledged that charging for parking can have an impact on this protected characteristic, but this is mitigated by the fact that the Council provides 3 hours free parking in its short-stay off-street car parks (except Crown car park) for blue badge holders and by the fact that there are no charges or time limits for blue badge holders in on-street paid for parking bays (as a legal requirement).

Marriage & Civil Partnership: 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 the protected characteristic of Marriage and Civil Partnership.

Race: 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 the protected characteristic of Race.

Pregnancy & Maternity: 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 the protected characteristic of Pregnancy and Maternity

Religion or Belief: 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 the protected characteristic of Religion or Belief

Gender Reassignment: 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 the protected characteristic of Gender Reassignment.

Sex: 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 the protected characteristic of Sex.

Sexual Orientation: 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 the protected characteristic of Sexual Orientation.

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 car parks (except Crown car park) and that blue badge holders continue to have free parking in on-street 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 they have been approved by the Council's Executive Committee and a public notice has been published. Any approved changes will be reviewed again after they have been introduced.
