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**Title of report:** Off-Street Car Parks Review

**Report :** To review the tariffs and charging hours for the Council's off-street car parks.

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

**Service area:** Customer Services

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**Links to supporting documents where available:**

**Please upload any supporting documents:**

**What is proposed?:** To review the tariffs and charging hours for the Council's off-street car parks.

**Why are the changes being introduced?:** The Council has seen a significant reduction in income from its off-street public car parks and, taking into account the need to encourage the use of sustainable transport modes, is now proposing to increase parking charges and the times at which they apply. However, this is balanced by continuing to ensure that these charges remain competitive compared to those charged by private sector operators in order to try to help the town centre economy.

**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. Objections or representations will then be considered and determined by officers under delegated powers. Thereafter, the new legal Order 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 car parks to assist blue badge holders with access to the town centre for shopping.

**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 this protected characteristic.

**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 this protected characteristic.

**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 car parks.

**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.

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