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Title of report: Residents Parking & On-Street Permit Fees

Report : The increase in some of the charges made for permits within the Ipswich Residents Parking Scheme and certain other on-street permits.

What evidence/data is being used to support this equality analysis? Please select all that apply.: There is no data or information to suggest that the proposed changes will have a disproportionate effect on people with a protected characteristic except possibly for those with a Disability but blue badge holders are exempt from the requirement to pay for themselves to park in a residents parking zone.

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Links to supporting documents where available:

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What is proposed?: The increase in some of the charges made for permits within the Ipswich Residents Parking Scheme and certain other on-street permits.

Why are the changes being introduced?: In 2020/2021, the residents parking scheme account incurred a significant deficit which has had to be charged to the Council's General Fund. An increase in permit fees is considered necessary in order to ensure that further deficits are not incurred and to place the account back onto a self-financing basis.

What evidence is being used to support this Equality Impact Assessment, and how is it being used?: There is no data or information to suggest that the proposed changes will have a disproportionate effect on people with a protected characteristic except possibly for those with a Disability but blue badge holders are exempt from the requirement to pay for themselves to park in a residents parking zone.

How will this change be implemented?: Executive decision to proceed

Age: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: The increase in some of the fees charged for permits has no positive or negative impacts on this protected characteristic. Whilst some of the increases are significant, this decision doesn't have disproportionate impacts on individuals relating to age. The proposed increases are being split over two stages, introduced a year apart, in order to mitigate their effects.

Disability: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: The increase in some of the fees could potentially have a negative impact on people with this protected characteristic. However, this is mitigated because blue badge holders are exempt from the requirement to pay for themselves to park in a residents parking zone.

The proposed increases are being split over two stages, introduced a year apart, in order to further mitigate their effects.

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 increase in some of the fees charged for permits has no positive or negative impacts on this protected characteristic. Whilst some of the increases are significant, this decision doesn't have disproportionate impacts on individuals in relation to their marital status. The proposed increases are being split over two stages, introduced a year apart, in order to mitigate their effects.

Race: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: The increase in some of the fees charged for permits has no positive or negative impacts on this protected characteristic. Whilst some of the increases are significant, this decision doesn't have disproportionate impacts on individuals in relation to race. The proposed increases are being split over two stages, introduced a year apart, in order to mitigate their effects.

Pregnancy & Maternity: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: The increase in some of the fees charged for permits has no positive or negative impacts on this protected characteristic. Whilst some of the increases are significant, this decision doesn't have disproportionate impacts on individuals who are pregnant, on maternity leave or paternity leave. The proposed increases are being split over two stages, introduced a year apart, in order to mitigate their effects.

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 increase in some of the fees charged for permits has no positive or negative impacts on this protected characteristic. Whilst some of the increases are

significant, this decision doesn't have disproportionate impacts on individuals or groups in relation to religion or beliefs.

The proposed increases are being split over two stages, introduced a year apart, in order to mitigate their effects.

Gender Reassignment: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: The increase in some of the fees charged for permits has no positive or negative impacts on this protected characteristic. Whilst some of the increases are significant, this decision doesn't have disproportionate impacts on individuals with this protected characteristic. The proposed increases are being split over two stages, introduced a year apart, in order to mitigate their effects.

Sex: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: The increase in some of the fees charged for permits has no positive or negative impacts on this protected characteristic. Whilst some of the increases are significant, this decision doesn't have disproportionate impacts on individuals in relation to their sex. The proposed increases are being split over two stages, introduced a year apart, in order to mitigate their effects.

Sexual Orientation: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: The increase in some of the fees charged for permits has no positive or negative impacts on this protected characteristic. Whilst some of the increases are significant, this decision doesn't have disproportionate impacts on individuals in relation to their sexual orientation. The proposed increases are being split over two stages, introduced a year apart, in order to mitigate their effects.

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): There are no unlawful discrimination, harassment or victimisation issues resulting from these proposals

The report helps us to 'advance equality of opportunity...' in the following way(s): Holders of a disabled blue badge will continue to be exempt from the requirement to pay for a permit for themselves to park in a residents parking zone.

The policy helps us to 'foster good relations...' in the following way(s): Holders of a disabled blue badge will continue to be exempt from the requirement to pay for a permit for themselves to park in a residents parking zone.

The new provisions will be reviewed in the following way(s): The finances of the residents parking scheme account.
