

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	4 NOVEMBER 2014	AGENDA ITEM:	12
TITLE:	CIVIC "B" CAR PARK - DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION CHANGES INTRODUCTION OF EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER		
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report advises Members of the proposal to change the days and hours of operation and the tariff rate in the Civic "B" Car Park and introduce an experimental "Off Street" car parking order for 18 months.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Members agree to change the days and hours of operations and the tariff rate in Civic "B" Car Park as set out in 4.7.
- 2.2 That the Members agree to the introduction of season tickets in Civic "B" Car Park as set out in 4.8.
- 2.3 The Statutory requirements for introducing an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order are authorised and The Head of Legal and Democratic Services is authorised to advertise the proposals.
- 2.4 Any objections to the Experimental Order would be reported to the Traffic Management Sub-Committee.
- 2.5 If no objections are received within the first six months that the experimental Order be made permanent.
- 2.6 That Tariff Changes will be implemented using the delegated authority of the Head of Transportation and Streetcare.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The current parking strategy is a core element of the Local Transport Plan. The strategy aims to manage the level of long stay/commuter parking in the Town Centre. A key feature of the strategy is pricing of Town Centre parking to reflect the availability of alternatives, especially long stay parking provided

by park and ride.

#### 4. THE PROPOSAL

##### 4.1 Current Position:

4.2 Civic B Car Park is currently open to members of the public as a Pay and Display car park during the days and hours of operation set out in the table below:

Name of Parking Place	Classes of Permitted Vehicles	Days of Operation	Hours of Operation and Scale of Charges
Civic Offices Car Park "B"	All classes except commercial vehicles	Night Rate 6pm - 8am	Monday to Sundays 6pm - 8am.....£3.50
-Ditto-	All classes except commercial vehicles	Saturdays to Sundays 8am - 6pm	Saturdays to Sundays 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Up to 1 hour .....£1.70 Up to 2 hours.....£3.30 Up to 4 hours.....£6.60 Up to 6 hours.....£11.10 6 - 24 hours..... £15.10

4.3 During the day between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Friday, the car park is used as staff car parking for Reading Borough Council employees.

4.4 Reading Borough Council will be relocating to new offices, and this car park will be no longer be used for staff car parking during the day.

##### 4.5 Options Proposed

4.6 It is proposed to introduce an experimental "Off-Street" Places Order to allow for members of the public to use the car park 24 hours/7 days a week.

4.7 It is proposed to use the same tariff rate for Monday to Friday as is already in use for Saturday and Sunday, please see proposed tariff rate in table below.

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- 4.8 It is proposed that a limited number of season tickets could be available for Civic B car park. The proposals are below:

Season Tickets	Civic "B" Car Park
12 monthly	£1,200
6 monthly	£627
3 monthly	£330
1 monthly	£120

- 4.9 There are 170 parking spaces in the car park, of those 4 are allocated for disabled badge holders.
- 4.10 There are no proposals at this time to change any tariffs in any of the other Council Car Parks: Broad Street Mall, Queens Road, Hills Meadow, King's Meadow, Cattlemarket, Chester Street, Recreation Road and Dunstall Close Car parks.

## 5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

- 5.1 To promote equality, social inclusion and a safe and healthy environment for all.

## 6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

- 6.1 Statutory Notices and Advertisements will be made in advance of any changes.

## 7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Experimental orders are provided for under s9 and s10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (the Act). The changes to the current off street parking order would be temporary whilst the experimental order is in force and governed by Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Act. If no objections are received within the first six month period an experimental order can be made permanent by a further order. The making of the order and adverting of the notice must be done in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.
- 7.2 Any objections to the Traffic Regulation Order would be reported to the Traffic Management Sub-Committee.

## 8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The Proposals will require additional legal advertising costs.
- 8.2 It is not possible to estimate the additional income from opening the car park 24hours/7days a week, but the additional income contributes towards progressing closer to the profit share threshold. It is not likely that this will be reached in this financial year and therefore the Guaranteed Minimum Payment provided for in the contract will remain unchanged until profit share is reached.

**9. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

9.1 None

**10. APPENDICES**

10.1 None