

Division(s): All Oxford divisions; Abingdon East; Abingdon South; Henley on Thames; Thame and Chinnor

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 26 MARCH 2020

ABINGDON, HENLEY, OXFORD AND WALLINGFORD: AMENDMENTS TO FEES FOR RESIDENTS VEHICLE AND VISITOR PERMITS AND ON-STREET PARKING

Report by Interim Director of Community Operations

Recommendation

1. The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed increases to fees for permits for the Controlled Parking Zones in Oxford, North Hinksey and Henley on Thames and for on-street pay and display parking in Abingdon, Henley and Wallingford as advertised.

Executive summary

2. Fees for on-street parking and parking permits required in Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) are periodically reviewed taking account of inflation and the costs incurred by Oxfordshire County Council in administering CPZs.

Introduction

3. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to increase fees for on-street parking and parking permits required in Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) as set out at Annex 1.

Background

4. Following approval on 21 January 2020 by Cabinet for the revised fees as shown at Annex 1, the County Council was obliged to advertise its intention to alter the Traffic Regulation Order to give effect to these changes.

Consultation

5. Formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 5 February and 6 March 2020. A public notice was placed in the Henley Standard, Oxford Times and Oxfordshire Herald series newspapers and sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Abingdon Town Council, Henley Town Council, Oxford City Council and Wallingford Town Council and County & Oxford City

Councillors and other parties judged to have an interest, with street notices placed by the on-street affected Pay and Display parking places.

6. Four responses were received. One objection, two in support and one neither supporting nor objecting. The responses are included at Annex 2 with copies of the full responses available for inspection by County Councillors.

Response to objections and other comments

7. Thames Valley Police did not object to the proposals.
8. Abingdon Town Council expressed support for the proposals but sought clarification on the proposed annual fee for a resident's vehicle permit, which is confirmed will remain at £120 rather than being increased to £130.
9. One objection was received from a member of the public but with no grounds stated.
10. One expression of support was received from a member of the public but again with no grounds stated.

How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives

11. These changes are in-line with LTP4 Objectives which are to improve air quality and making better provision for walking and cycling

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

12. There are no staffing implications and any financial surplus that may arise out of the proposed increases will be redirected into improving transportation measures and assisting the objectives of LTP4.

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Background papers: Consultation responses

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Annex 1

Proposed Fee Increases

a) Oxford Controlled Parking Zones

1. All Residents Permits currently costing £60 will be increased to £65 per annum index linked for the 1st & 2nd car
2. All Residents Permits currently costing £120 will be increased to £130 per annum index linked for a 3rd car
3. All Residents Permits currently costing £180 will be increased to £200 per annum index linked for a 4th car
4. All Residents Permits currently costing £15 will be increased to £16 per annum index linked.
5. All Visitors Permits currently costing £20 for a block of 25 (second allocation) will be increased to £25 index linked. The initial block of 25 will remain free of charge as will all Visitors Permits for zones covered by the Kassam Stadium Orders.
6. Annual Business Permits will increase from £100 to £110.
7. Contractors/traders permits currently costing £20 will be increased to £25.

b) Abingdon Residents Parking Scheme

1. Abingdon Visitors Permits will cost £25 for 2nd allocation of 25 permits.

c) Henley Residents Parking Scheme

1. Henley Residents Permit currently costing £80 will increase to £100 per annum index linked

d) Abingdon, Henley and Wallingford - On -street parking places fees:

Designated parking places	Parking Charge	Parking Period	Excess Charge		Discounted Excess Charge	Excess Period	Visitors Charge		Visitors Period
Henley	60p	1 hour	£50		£25	2 hours	£1.00		24 hrs
	£1.00	2 hours							
Wallingford	40p	1 hour 30 minutes	£50		£25	2 hours	n/a		n/a
Abingdon	60p	1 hour	£50		£25	2 hours	£1		24 hors
	£1	2 hours	£50		£25				

RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	No objection.
(2) Abingdon Town Council	<p>Support – Following discussion of this proposed amendment at our recent Planning Meeting, members agreed the proposals in principle.</p> <p>However, they noted that some of the figures appeared to not match up in some of the paperwork:</p> <p>In the Order it stated for Item 2 “ All Residents Permits currently costing £120 will be increased to £130 per annum index linked for a 3rd car”. On the Schedule it started on Item 1 that “Residents’ Permit Charge is £120 per annum”</p> <p>Could this be clarified and / or amended as necessary?</p>
() Online Response, (Oxford)	Object – No comments.
() Local Resident, (Oxford)	Support – No comments.