

TRANSPORT IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE – 20 JULY 2006**PARKING CHARGES OXFORD CITY CENTRE ON-STREET PARKING****Report by Head of Transport****Introduction**

1. Parking Charges for on-street parking areas in Oxford have not changed since 1998, except for the pilot period of free charging since December 2005. On 8 June 2006 this Committee approved that charging for parking should apply only Monday to Saturday 8am to 6.30pm. At certain locations where the charging period was shorter than this, that remains unchanged.
2. Oxford City Council increased parking charges for equivalent periods of stay for central car parks to £1.80 for 1 hour and £3 for 2 hours in 2005. Oxford City Council is currently considering a further increase to £1.90 for the 1 hourly rate, with no change to the 2 hourly rate.
3. The Transport Implementation Committee is now asked to consider the two options to increase parking charges in table 1 and table 2.

Option 1 Table 1

A	B	C	D	E
	Existing on-street parking charge	Proposed on-street parking charge 10 am to 6.30pm Mon to Fri and all day Sat	Proposed on-street parking charge 8am to 10am Mon to Fri	Current Oxford City Council rate for off-street car parks
1 hr	£1.00	£2.00	£4.00	£1.80
2 hrs	£2.00	£3.00	£5.00	£3.00
3 hrs (where applicable)	£2.00	£3.00	£5.00	£4.50
1 hr	£1.50	£2.00	£4.00	£1.80
2 hrs	£3.00	£3.00	£5.00	£3.00
3 hrs (where applicable)	£3.00	£3.00	£4.50	

Option 2 Table 2

A	B	C	E
	Existing on-street parking charge	Proposed on-street parking charge 8 am to 6.30pm Mon to Sat	Current Oxford City Council rate for off-street car parks
1 hr	£1.00	£1.50	£1.80
2 hrs	£2.00	£2.50	£3.00
3 hrs (where applicable)	£2.00	£2.50	£4.50
1 hr	£1.50	£2.00	£1.80
2 hrs	£3.00	£3.00	£3.00
3 hrs (where applicable)	£3.00	£3.00	£4.50

4. A higher rate for the period 8am to 10am Monday to Saturday/Friday, could encourage people to either use Park & Ride car parks, local bus services or travel into the city centre outside the peak morning travel period. Traffic flows are typically highest between 7.30 – 9.30am and 4.30 - 6.30pm.

Parking charges - applicable time periods

5. Under the pilot-parking scheme for Oxford the removal of charge was implemented for a trial period of 6 months (1 December – 31 May 2006) in order to gauge the effects. Monday to Saturday parking charges were removed after 6.30pm, with no limit on the period of stay and the charge removed all day for parking on Sundays. A few streets have a maximum stay of 3hrs and these limits have been retained.
6. An increase in charges will apply to all time periods charged for, as approved on 8 June (Agenda Item TIC6 - *Pilot Parking Charges Oxford City Centre*).

How the project supports LTP2 objectives

7. It has always been part of the policy of the Oxford Transport Strategy to retain a balance between parking charges, bus fares and park & ride charges in order to make the alternatives to private car attractive. This increase in the car parking on-street tariff helps to maintain that balance.

Financial and Staff Implications

8. No long-term staff implications are anticipated although some short-term impact from an increase in dealing with complaints for Parking Control Team is possible.

Financial Implications (including Revenue)

9. It is anticipated that the increase in charges should generate an additional parking revenue, of £150,000 to £300,000 per annum, based on charging from 8.00 am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday compared against the income collected at the current rate of charging for the same time periods. This is calculated on approximate turnover figures at parking areas measured during surveys. An allowance has been made for a reduction in the amount of people choosing to park before 10am. An additional allowance has been made for some reduction in numbers parking due to the increase in charges throughout the day. This is an estimate based on likely reaction to the change in charges; the number parking at this time may begin to increase again in the medium term. This comparison is made on equivalent charging time periods and not against previous year income overall as the charging time periods have changed. The income estimates for Option 1 and 2 are still within the range given above, this is because charging at Option 1 rate is likely to result in a greater reduction in parking numbers between 8am and 10am, at least in the short term.

RECOMMENDATION

10. **The Committee is RECOMMENDED to consider either:**

- (a) Option One as set out in table one above and those streets listed at Annex 1 to this report; or**
- (b) Option Two as set out in table two above and those streets listed at Annex1 to this report;**

as a basis for changes to parking charges for on-street public parking at pay and display areas for implementation from 1 October 2006.

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Background papers: Nil

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ANNEX 1**EXISTING PARKING CHARGE AND STREETS AFFECTED**

Mon-Sat 8-6.30pm Standard Rate				
Sunday And After 6.30pm No Charge				
	Monday to Saturday			Sunday
	8am-6.30pm		6.30pm-8am	
	1 hr	2 hr		
Broad Street (1hr Max)	£1.50	-	No Charge	No Charge
Beaumont Street	£1.50	£3.00	No Charge	No Charge
Blackhall Road	£1.50	£3.00	No Charge	No Charge
Cromwell Street	£1.50	£3.00	No Charge	No Charge
King Edward Street	£1.50	£3.00	No Charge	No Charge
Longwall Street	£1.50	£3.00	No Charge	No Charge
Merton Street	£1.50	£3.00	No Charge	No Charge
Museum Road	£1.50	£3.00	No Charge	No Charge
Parks Road	£1.50	£3.00	No Charge	No Charge
St Giles	£1.50	£3.00	No Charge	No Charge
Woodstock Road	£1.50	£3.00	No Charge	No Charge
Wellington Square	£1.50	£3.00	No Charge	No Charge
Great Clarendon Street	£1.00	£2.00	No Charge	No Charge
Walton Street	£1.00	£2.00	No Charge	No Charge
LOADING BAYS ONLY DAYTIME/NO CHARGE EVENINGS OR SUNDAYS				
Broad Street	Not Available		No Charge	
High Street	Not Available		No Charge	
Hythe Bridge Street	Not Available		No Charge	
NORHAM MANOR	1 hr	3 hr		
Norham Gardens	£1.00	£2.00	No Charge	
Benson Place	£1.00	£2.00	No Charge	
Bradmore Road	£1.00	£2.00	No Charge	
Fyfield Road	£1.00	£2.00	No Charge	
Norham Road	£1.00	£2.00	No Charge	
Crick Road	£1.00	£2.00	No Charge	
Keble Road	£1.50	£3.00	No Charge	
Mansfield Road	£1.50	£3.00	No Charge	
Savile Road	£1.50	£3.00	No Charge	