

Full Council – 19 July 2023

Written question from K Burke to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy

I work in Newport and need a parking permit during the working day. My nearest long stay is by the quay, which is often full, and is a fair walk from my work place. The permit charge has just increased to £60 per month. If I didn't have a permit, it would cost me £12.50 per day. The county hall car park is only available to me on weekends, which is when I don't need it. If I worked for the council, my permit would cost me £15 per month and if I paid per day, it would cost £1.10.

I am not against employee perks and the need to attract and retain staff. However, does such a large difference in costs seem fair or appropriate, especially in light of the financial crisis?

Response

I note your concerns around public car parking and the costs you are incurring. The Council continues to review public car parking charges on an annual basis, particularly in light of ongoing budget pressures.

Unfortunately, I have to advise you that staff parking is at the discretion of a respective employer and in the case of the Isle of Wight Council is set out within the Council's pay policy (which is reviewed annually) see link to document here: <https://www.iow.gov.uk/council-and-councillors/transparency-our-data/our-workforce/trade-union-facility-time-and-pay-policy/> (iow.gov.uk)