

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

OFFICER DECISION RECORD – EXECUTIVE DECISION

1.	Decision:	<p>To increase parking tariffs, permit prices and changes to parking provision as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To increase the parking tariff by 10p per hour across all tariffs for 2024/25. b) To increase All Island Permits by 20%. c) To increase Tourist Permits to correlate to 80% of the proposed 2024/25 10 hour tariff. d) To increase the 200m off-street residents' permit by 10%. e) To increase resident permit zone permits and resident permit zone visitor permits by 20%. f) To increase on-street residents pay and display permits by 20%. g) To introduce parking charges in Union St., Newport.
2.	Date above decision made:	25 January 2024
3.	Reason(s) for the decision:	<p>The Council is lawfully obliged to set a balanced and legal budget. As part of determining the Council's budget for 2024/25 it was decided to increase parking charges, permit prices, and introduce parking charges in Union St., Newport.</p> <p>The additional income generated through these proposals will help to meet general inflationary costs, cover the costs of enforcement and also cover maintenance of parking equipment and facilities. Furthermore, this income helps reduce the burden of the overall council subsidy being provided to the highways and transportation budget. This is becoming increasingly difficult to service given the pressures on the council's revenue budget, which could impact significantly on its ability to deliver its highways and transport objectives.</p> <p>The process for approving fees and charges is set out in the Financial Regs and therefore is part of the Constitution (as the constitution says financial decisions must be taken with reference to the Financial Regs). As per the following Financial Reg paragraphs:</p> <p>7.1.2 All fees and charges levied by the council, and concessions available will undergo a robust annual review as part of the budget setting process.</p>

		<p>As a result, the annual review process must be completed in time to influence the annual budget process and will be led by the relevant chief officer (responsible for the service area) for the council. As a general principle, the annual review of fees and charges will seek to ensure that charges increase at least in line with inflation.</p> <p>7.1.3 In addition to the above, between reviews, the chief officers for the council will have the authority to adjust fees and charges where this is considered necessary to reflect changing circumstances.</p>
4.	<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision:</p>	<p>Alternative means of raising income through parking included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Introducing parking charges at Union St, Ryde. b) Introducing parking charges at Crocker St, Newport. c) Introducing parking charges at Sandown High St. d) Introducing parking charges at Regent St, Shanklin. e) Introducing parking charges at Terrace Rd, Newport. f) Introducing parking charges at St John's Place, Newport. g) Introducing parking charges at St James' St, Newport. h) Introducing parking charges at Ventnor High St. i) Introduce parking charges at various village car parks which currently offer free parking. j) Introduce charges for blue badge holders in off street car parks. k) Remove existing overnight parking tariff and operate standard tariff on a 24/7 basis.
5.	<p>Any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision:</p>	<p>none</p>
6.	<p>In respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service</p>	<p>none</p>
7.	<p>Report(s)/Background Papers:</p>	<p>Report and Appendices <u>Issue details - To Increase Parking Tariffs and Permit Prices, and Changes to Parking Provision at Union St, Newport - Isle of Wight Council (moderngov.co.uk)</u></p>

8.	Name and post of decision-maker	Colin Rowland – Strategic Director Community Services
9.	Date of decision record:	25 January 2024
	Signature:	

