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REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 26 APRIL 2021

REPORT ON: REINTRODUCTION OF PARKING CHARGES

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO: 137-2021

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval for the reintroduction of parking charges in Dundee.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Council reintroduces parking charges at all on-street and off-street locations from 10 May 2021, with the exception of seven West End car parks which will have the reintroduction of charges deferred until 27 September 2021.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Council's revenue budget for Financial Year 2021/2022 indicates that £467k income is expected from car parking revenue each month. The reintroduction of parking charges on 10 May 2021 will enable parking revenue to be generated and minimise the shortfall in revenue.

3.2 The budgeted value of off-street parking income associated with the seven surface level car parks in the West End is £4,500 per month.

4 BACKGROUND

4.1 On 20 December 2020, the First Minister announced that all mainland Scottish Local Authorities would enter Level 4 restrictions from 26 December 2020 for an initial period of three weeks.

4.2 The suspension of all parking charges from 26 December 2021 was approved as an Urgent Matter Arising Between Meetings on 23 December 2020. An Agenda Note referring to the suspension was included in the Committee Papers of the City Development Committee held on 25 January 2021.

4.3 Delegated authority was given to the Executive Director of City Development to extend the period of suspended charges as long as the national level 4 restrictions remained in place.

5 PARKING CHARGE REINTRODUCTION STRATEGY CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 The transition out of level 4 restrictions is now underway with the Scottish Government "Stay at Home" rule being changed to "Stay Local" from 2 April 2021. Non-essential retail and hospitality businesses have permission to re-open from 26 April 2021. Dundee is expected to be the only Scottish city that has allowed for a temporary suspension parking charges to support the re-opening of retail and hospitality businesses immediately after moving from Level 4 to Level 3 restrictions.

5.2 It is proposed that parking charges are reinstated from 10 May 2021 at all on-street bays, and surface level car parks in the city centre and Broughty Ferry. Dundee City Council's four multi-storey car parks will also see charges reintroduced. Following the making of a revised Traffic Regulation Order to deter commuter parking, new charges will take effect on this date at the Orleans Place car park in Menzieshill (see report [347-2019](#)). Also from 10 May 2021, the Shore Terrace car park will become a Pay & Display operation.

5.3 The reintroduction of charges on 10 May 2021 will increase vehicle turnover in on-street parking bays which is important for many high street businesses. The reintroduction of parking charges

will also help support public transport operators seeking to recover patronage following a difficult operating period when the Scottish Government guidance has been that buses should be used for essential journeys only. This guidance on bus usage has now been revised to “plan ahead”.

- 5.4 When parking charges are reinstated at Shore Terrace car park, a section of the car park will be demarcated for NHS use to support the vaccination centre and operational vehicles parked in this area will not be subject to tariff payments. The additional blue badge holder bays provided on Castle Street, and the drop off/pick up zone on Crichton Street, will continue to be provided for the duration of the mass vaccination centre’s operation.
- 5.5 To encourage turnover of spaces in the Perth Road district centre and deter commuter parking, charges were introduced at seven West End car parks in January 2019. To support local residents who continue to work from home, the suspension of parking charges at these car parks (Roseangle, Pennycook Lane, Miller’s Wynd, Ryehill Lane, Mid Wynd, Union Street North and Bellfield Street North) will remain in place until the start of the Semester 1 at the University of Dundee on 27 September 2021.
- 5.6 Dundee City Council will communicate the reintroduction of charges using a press release and other social media. The Council website will be updated to show that on-street parking and off-street charges will be reintroduced on 10 May 2021. Signage will be displayed at key surface level car parks and barriers at the city’s Multi-Storey Car Parks will be lowered. Notices that were inserted into parking meters advising members of the public that charges were suspended will be removed.

6 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 This report has been subject to an assessment of any impacts on Equality and Diversity, Fairness and Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. There are no major issues.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Council Management Team have been consulted in the preparation of this report and are in agreement with its content.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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