

**AGENDA ITEM 7
REPORT NO. LA/10/18**

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Lochaber

Date: 11 April 2018

Report Title: Car Parking in Lochaber

Report By: Director Community Services

1 Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 To update members on the 2018/19 budget outcomes and how they impact on Parking in Lochaber.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to:
- i. Note the proposed changes to parking services in Lochaber

3 Budget Outcome

3.1 As part of savings identified by Council and agreed on the 15th February 2018 various changes to Parking services in Fort William are required to achieve council budget for 2018/19

3.2 The figures agreed can be found at https://www.highland.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/3934/highland_council

Item 4 Details of proposed savings (Booklet B).

4 Parking Tariffs

4.1 The tariffs detailed in Appendix 1 will be advertised by Notice to come into effect in April 2018.

4.2 These tariffs will ensure that service budgets are met and investment in the existing infrastructure can be made.

4.3 The tariff structure will provide 30 minutes of free parking in the short stay car parks by requesting a 30 minute ticket without the requirement to pay. Drivers would then display that ticket in their vehicle.

The changes included in the Car Park operating hours will enable enforcement of restrictions on Motorhomes & Caravans preventing them from using the long stay car parks between 9pm and 8am.

All seasonal limitations on charging will also be removed.

A higher tariff is applied to CP0066 An Aird 1 Car Park to cover Lorry and Coach Parking.

5. Parking Services

5.1 The adjustments detailed in Appendix 2 to parking services fees will be advertised by Notice to come into effect in April 2018

5.2 These fees will ensure that service budgets are met and include:-

- The introduction of a Local Parking Season Ticket (LPST) allowing drivers to prepay parking at a cost of £120 per annum. This will be available to purchase through the RINGO service provider in smaller units. Some minor charges will be incurred in the session booking process to be supplied by RINGO which is already available in all THC car parks;
- Withdrawal of the free parking permit and the prepaid parking card;
- Revision of the on street Permit Scheme pricing to better reflect the cost of administering the service; and
- Increase in contract parking fees.

6 Going Forward

- 6.1 The Councils Redesign Board will be reporting soon with recommendations that will form the foundation of future council parking policy highlighting the criteria required to introduce charging and where any surplus income can be used.
- 6.2 The rollout of parking charges to locations that were previously designated as free will continue over the next five years and will allow Lochaber to identify sites that they feel may be brought forward in that program.
- 6.3 All tariffs and fees set for 2018/19 will be subject to review for 2019/20 once their impact has been measured.

7. Implications

- 7.1 Resource - Infrastructure improvements will be funded from additional income raised through new tariffs.
- 7.2 Legal - The requirement to publish a Notice describing the tariff changes
- 7.3 Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) - Consideration has been given to maintain easy and affordable access to shops and services within tariffs proposed.
- 7.4 Climate Change / Carbon Clever – No implications.
- 7.5 Risk - Delay in Notice period and installation of new infrastructure will reduce income levels and will require careful management.
- 7.6 Gaelic – No implications.

Designation: Director of Community Services

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Background Papers: [2018/19 budget](#)

APPENDIX 1

Ref	Location of Parking Place	Charging Hours	Periods	Tariff
	LPST - Lochaber Season Ticket, HPST - Highland Season Ticket	hms - hours maximun stay		
LOCHABER Off Street				
CP0066	Fort William – An Aird No.1 Lorry & Coach Park	Mon to Sun	Up to 4 hrs Up to 10 hrs up to 24hrs	£3.00 £5.00 £6.00
	Motorhomes 8am to 9pm only			
	Pay & Display - LPST, HPST	24 hms		
	Long Stay	ALL YEAR		
CP0067	Fort William – An Aird No.2 - Car Park	Mon to Sun	Up to 2 hrs Up to 4 hrs Up to 10 hrs up to 24hrs	£2.00 £3.00 £4.00 £5.00
	Motorhomes 8am to 9pm only	24 hms		
	Pay & Display - LPST, HPST			
	Long Stay	ALL YEAR		
CP0068	Fort William – Parade Gardens - Car Park	Mon to Sun	Up to 0.5 hrs	£0.00
	Pay & Display	8am to 6pm	Up to 1 Hr	£1.00
	Short Stay	3 hms	Up to 3 Hrs	£2.00
CP0069	Fort William – Middle Street - Car Park	Mon to Sun	Up to 0.5 hrs	£0.00
	Pay & Display	8am to 6pm	Up to 1 Hr	£1.00
	Short Stay	3 hms	Up to 3 Hrs	£2.00
CP0070	Fort William – Transport Centre - Car Park	Mon to Sun	Up to 2 hrs Up to 4 hrs Up to 10 hrs up to 24hrs	£2.00 £3.00 £4.00 £5.00
	Pay & Display - LPST, HPST			
	Mixed Use	24 hms		
		ALL YEAR		
CP0071	Fort William – Viewforth - Car Park	Mon to Sun	Up to 0.5 hrs	£0.00
	Pay & Display	8am to 6pm	Up to 1 Hr	£1.00
	Short Stay	3 hms	Up to 3 Hrs	£2.00
CP0072	Fort William – West End - Car Park	Mon to Sun	Up to 2 Hr Up to 4 hrs Up to 10 hrs up to 24hrs	£2.00 £3.00 £4.00 £5.00
	Motorhomes 8am to 9pm only			
	Pay & Display- LPST, HPST	24 hms		
	Long Stay	ALL YEAR		

APPENDIX 2

LOCHABER	Note	Frequency	Current Fee	New Fee
Resident's or visitor permits (RP, RVP)		annual	£20.00	£40.00
Senior Citizens resident's permit		annual	NA	£20.00
Lost or damaged permits		single fee	£11.00	£20.00
Business and business visitor permits (BP, BVP)		annual	NA	£100.00
Lost or damaged business parking permit		single fee	NA	£50.00
Parking Season ticket Local (LPST)	May be purchased for shorter Periods pro rata	annual	£50.00	£120.00
Business Contract Parking (CP)		Annual	£160.00	£168.00
COUNCIL WIDE				
COUNCIL WIDE	Note	Frequency	Current Fee	New Fee
Residents Visitor Parking Vouchers	Book of 10 x 3hour periods	single	NA	£20.00
Trades Permit (TP)	Trades Services Providers	annual	NA	£200.00
Essential User Permit (EUP)	Medical , registered domiciliary care etc.	annual	NA	£50.00
Parking Season Ticket Highland Wide (HPST)	May be purchased for shorter Periods pro rata	annual	NA	£240.00
General – Service Cost Recovery				
General – Service Cost Recovery	Note	Frequency	Current Fee	New Fee
Suspension of On Street P&D Parking Bay	£50 fixed administration fee plus daily rate	daily fee	£0	£10.00 per day of suspension
Suspension of other On Street bay	£50 fixed administration fee plus daily rate	daily fee	£0	£10.00 per day of suspension
Suspension of an Off Street Car Park Bay (Non P&D) - Minimum	£50 fixed administration fee plus daily rate	daily fee	£0	£10.00 per day of suspension
Suspension of an Off Street Car Park Bay (Pay & Display)	(Fee Calculation used: Number of Bays X (Bay Hourly Rate X Charging period X Number of Days Average Occupancy for location) + Admin Fee (£50). e.g. 1 bay for 5 days if bay hourly rate for car is £1 for 10hrs and average occupancy for location is 70% = 1 (bay) x £1 x 10(hrs) x 5 (days)x 70% + Admin Fee (£50) = £85	daily fee	Calculated	Calculate as stated for Current Fee No change to Current Fee