

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Cabinet Member for Environmental Services

Date of Meeting: 6th April 2010
Report of: Head of Safer and Stronger Communities
Subject/Title: Variation of the Scale of Parking Charges in Crewe and Nantwich - Variation of the Sunday Tariff

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report proposes a variation to the scale of charges in the area of the former Borough of Crewe and Nantwich, entailing the removal of the 50p all day charge for Sunday parking.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services
- (1) approve a variation to the scale of charges payable on Sundays within the area of the former Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council from £0.50 to £0.00; and
 - (2) authorise the Borough Solicitor, or officer acting on his behalf, to publish a 'notice of variation' in relation to this change in accordance with section 35C of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and regulation 25 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The former Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council had introduced a charge for Sunday parking in June 2002. Such a charge was not applied by the former Macclesfield Borough Council. As a result, since the formation of the Cheshire East Borough Council there has been a discrepancy in the charging policy in the areas of the two former Boroughs in respect of Sunday parking.
- 3.2 Cheshire East Council now wishes to rectify this discrepancy and it is suggested that it is preferable not to charge anywhere in the Borough on a Sunday. Accordingly, this proposal seeks to formalise the revision by means of this variation to the scale of charges.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All Borough Wards within the towns of Crewe and Nantwich.

5.0 Local Ward Members

Nantwich – Cllr Brian Dykes; Cllr Andrew Martin; Cllr Arthur Moran

Crewe East – Cllr Steve Conquest; Cllr Margaret Martin; Cllr Chris Thorley

Crewe North – Cllr Terry Beard; Cllr Derek Bebbington; Cllr John Jones

Crewe South – Cllr David Cannon; Cllr Dorothy Flude; Cllr Betty Howell

Crewe West – Cllr Roy Cartlidge; Cllr Robert Parker; Cllr Jacqueline Weatherill

6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change - Health

- 6.1 Minimal effect is expected in that Sunday car parking occupancy is not expected to grow significantly due to a return to free status.

8.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

- 8.1 There will be a reduction of income of approximately £50,000 per annum and the Service will contain the effect of this within its budget.
- 8.2 There is a cost associated with the publication of the proposed 'notice of variation' in local newspapers; this cost will be met from existing budgets.

9.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

- 9.1 Section 35C of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 states that where an order made under section 35(1)(iii) of the 1984 Act makes provision as to the charges to be paid in connection with the use of off-street parking places, the charges may be varied by notice.
- 9.2 Regulation 25 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England and Wales) Regulations 1996 provide that a 'notice of variation' given under section 35C must be published at least once in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the parking places to which the notice relates are situated at least 21 days before it is due to come into force. In addition, the authority is required by regulation 25(5) to display copies of the notice in the relevant parking places.

10.0 Risk Management

- 10.1 No significant risks are attached to this decision.

11.0 Background and Options

- 11.1 The Borough of Crewe and Nantwich (General)(Off Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) (Minor) Order 2008 ('the Crewe and Nantwich Order') (as

amended) currently prescribes that a charge of £0.50 is payable on Sundays in respect of the following parking places:

11.1.1 Nantwich - Civic Hall; Dysart Buildings, First Wood Street, Snow Hill, Manor Road; and Market Area

11.1.2 Crewe – Chester Square; Christchurch East; Edleston Road; Gatefield Street; Hope Street; Oak Street; Windycote; Wood Street East; Wrexham Terrace; Cotterill Street East; Hollybank; Victoria Centre; Railway Street/Pedley Street; Gresty Road (Crewe Alexandra Football Club); Pedley Street/Arthur Street; Delamere Street; Lyceum Square.

11.2 A charge is not payable on Sundays in either the areas of the former Macclesfield or Congleton Borough Councils. It is suggested, that in order to harmonise the position across the Borough of Cheshire East, the charge on Sundays within the Crewe and Nantwich Order be varied to a charge of £0.00.

11.3 All other off street car parks in Crewe and Nantwich are currently already free of charge on a Sunday and will remain so.

11.4 As set out within the legal implications at paragraph 9 above, where such a variation is made a 'notice of variation' must be published in a local newspaper at least 21 days before the variation is due to come into force.

12.0 Overview of Year One and Term One Issues

12.1 Not applicable.

13.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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