

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## Cabinet Member for Environmental Services

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**Date of Meeting:** 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010  
**Report of:** Head of Safer and Stronger Communities  
**Subject/Title:** Snow Hill Car Park, Nantwich: Proposal to Extend the Maximum Stay to 10 Hours

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### 1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report proposes the amendment of the Borough of Crewe and Nantwich (General) (Off Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) (Minor) Order 2008 (the Order) the effect of which will be to extend the maximum permitted length of stay on Snow Hill Car Park, Nantwich from 5 hours to 10 hours.

### 2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services approves that
- (1) subject to statutory consultation, a proposed amendment be made to the Borough of Crewe and Nantwich (General) (Off Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) (Minor) Order 2008 (as amended to comply with the Traffic Management Act 2004), the effect of which will be to extend the maximum permitted length of stay on Snow Hill Car Park, Nantwich from 5 hours to 10 hours;
  - (2) the proposed charging regime for the Snow Hill Car Park, Nantwich to be as follows (in line with current fees and charges): Monday to Saturday inclusive: 8am to 6pm: 1 hour: 70p; up to 2 hours: £1.00; up to 4 hours: £1.50; up to 10 hours £2.20; Sunday: 8am to 6pm: free (subject to approval of Notice of Variation to reduce the Sunday charge to £0.00 at this meeting. The current charge is 50p all day.);
  - (3) the proposed amendment be advertised for the statutory period of 21 days and any objections be considered by the Cabinet Member at a subsequent meeting; and
  - (4) should no objections to the proposal be received, the proposed Order be made and brought into force and notice thereof be given in accordance with statutory requirements.

### 3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 Provision for long stay parking in Nantwich is limited to Civic Hall, Love Lane and First Wood Street Car Parks. The Civic Hall Car Park has

been severely restricted (from 208 to 126 bays) by the construction of the Health Centre, which has simultaneously increased demand for shorter stay (under 5 hours) parking on that site.

- 3.2 Snow Hill Car Park holds 247 bays and is located off Waterlode, Nantwich, next to the Swimming Pool, and so has sufficient capacity to accommodate long stay as well as shorter stay customers.
- 3.3 The recommendation in this report is made at the same time as one to restrict maximum length of stay on the Civic Hall Car Park, Nantwich, to 5 hours. In this way long stay customers will be able to park slightly further from the town centre, freeing up availability of short stay space on the Civic Hall Car Park.
- 3.4 The net effect of the changes in both proposals will be to increase the total number of bays available for from 1 to 10 hours' stay from 304 to 406 bays.
- 3.5 It is therefore proposed to extend the maximum stay at the Snow Hill Car Park from 5 to 10 hours. If the proposal is approved, the charging regime will be as follows to be in line with current fees and charges : Monday to Saturday inclusive: 8am to 6pm: 1 hour: 70p; up to 2 hours: £1.00; up to 4 hours: £1.50; up to 10 hours £2.20; Sunday: 8am to 6pm: free (subject to approval of Notice of Variation to reduce the Sunday charge to £0.00 at this meeting. The current charge is 50 p all day).

#### **4.0 Wards Affected**

- 4.1 Nantwich

#### **5.0 Local Ward Members**

- 5.1 Councillors B Dykes, A Martin, A Moran

#### **6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change - Health**

- 6.1 This accords with the parking and charging strategy approved by Cabinet in April 2009, such that improving control of traffic access and circulation may reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality.

#### **7.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)**

None.

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

- 8.1 Some small income increase may be expected due to the increased facility for long stay parking, though much of this custom may be transferred from other car parks.

- 8.2 There will be some costs required in year 2009/10 for altering signs, lines and administration not exceeding £500 which should be absorbed through increased income.
- 8.3 Advertising charges for publishing two statutorily required public notices in the press, one for a Notice of Proposal, and one, if subsequently approved, for a Notice of Making an Order, will cost in the region of £500 each.

## **9.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)**

- 9.1 Changing the maximum stay of the Car Park requires the proposing and making of an amendment order to amend the Order, the procedure for which is as set out in the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (of which statutory consultation and publication of proposals is a requirement).
- 9.2 Should the Cabinet Member approve the necessary amendment to the Off Street Parking Places Order in respect of Snow Hill Car Park, it must then be advertised for a period of 21 days and any objections received subsequently submitted to the Cabinet Member again for consideration. If consideration of objections result in the member deciding to amend the proposal, then the amended proposal will need to be advertised again.

## **10.0 Risk Management**

- 10.1 If this change is not made there is a risk that current traffic and parking difficulties in the town will worsen.

## **11.0 Overview of Year One and Term One Issues**

- 11.1 N/A

### ***Access to Information***

Borough of Crewe and Nantwich (General) (Off Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) (Minor) Order 2008

Documents are available for inspection at: Municipal Buildings Crewe.  
The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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