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**REVIEW OF ON-STREET PARKING CHARGES**

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**Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor David Lyonette, Transport Portfolio**

**Responsible Director - Paul Wildsmith, Director of Corporate Services**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To review the Council's on-street parking charges.

**Summary**

2. The report considers a proposal to increase short stay on-street parking charges from 40 pence per half hour and 80 pence per hour to 50 pence per half hour and £1 per hour.

**Recommendation**

3. It is recommended that on-street car parking charges be increased from 40 pence per half hour and 80 pence per hour to 50 pence per half hour and £1 per hour.

**Reasons**

4. The recommendation is supported to achieve consistency between off-street and on-street parking charges.

**Paul Wildsmith  
Director of Corporate Services**

**Background Papers**

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1988, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area. It is not considered that the contents of this report have any such effect.
Health and Well Being	There are no issues relating to health and wellbeing which this report needs to address.
Sustainability	There are no sustainability issues.
Diversity	There are no diversity issues.
Wards Affected	This will have an effect on all wards within the Borough.
Groups Affected	This will have an effect on users of motor cars.
Budget and Policy Framework	The report does not represent a change to Council policy.
Key Decision	The proposals do not represent a key decision.
Urgent Decision	For the purposes of the call-in procedure this does not represent an urgent decision.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The report has no particular implications for the Sustainable Community Strategy.
Efficiency	The proposals will increase income from car parking in the region of £25,000.

## MAIN REPORT

### Information and Analysis

5. On-street car parking was introduced into Darlington in November 2004. There are 27 designated on-street parking areas, as listed in the attached Appendix 1. Payment for use of the bays is on a pay and display basis using a meter.
6. When on-street parking was introduced charges were, and still are 40 pence per half hour and 80 pence per hour, with a two hour maximum stay. (There is one exception – the market area which is 50 pence for a maximum 30 minute stay).
7. In February 2009 Council reviewed parking charges as part of its consideration of the Medium Term Financial Plan. As a result charges in off-street short stay car parks were increased from 80 pence to £1 per hour.
8. It was the intention of the officers drafting the report that the increase applied to both off-street (car parks) and on-street and it was an oversight that the report presented to Members did not refer to on-street parking.
9. In the several months since off-street short stay charges were increased to £1 per hour there has been no resistance to the charges as demonstrated by complaints. However, there has been an amount of confusion, particularly where on-street and off-street parking areas are in close proximity, with users paying incorrect charges.
10. It is therefore proposed that on-street parking charges be increased in line with the increases already applied to off-street car parks to 50 pence per half hour and £1 per hour.

### Outcome of Consultation

11. No specific consultation has been carried out regarding this matter. The Medium Term Financial Plan, which resulted in off-street charges being increased to £1 per hour was subject to consultation, and there was very little adverse feedback in response to the charges.

### Financial Implications

12. The proposals will increase income from car parking by an estimated £25,000.

### On Street Parking

Victoria Embankment	Monday – Saturday 9am to 5pm
Victoria Road	Monday – Saturday 9am to 5pm
Hargreave Terrace	Monday – Saturday 9am to 5pm
Park Place 1	Monday – Saturday 9am to 5pm
Park Place 2	Monday – Saturday 9am to 5pm
Swan Street	Monday – Saturday 9am to 5pm
Winston Street	Monday – Saturday 8am to 6pm
Barnard Street	Monday – Saturday 8am to 6pm
Napier Street	Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm
Duke Street 1	Monday – Saturday 8am to 6pm
Duke Street 2	Monday – Saturday 8am to 6pm
East Raby Street 1	Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm
East Raby Street 2	Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm
Powlett Street	Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm
Primrose Street	Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm
Larchfield Street	Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm
Northumberland Street 1	Monday – Saturday 8am to 6pm
Grange Road 1	Monday – Saturday 8am to 6pm
Grange Road 2	Monday – Saturday 8am to 6pm
Beaumont Street	Monday – Saturday 8am to 6pm
South Arden	Monday – Saturday 8am to 6pm
North Lodge Terrace	Monday – Saturday 8am to 6pm
Gladstone Street 1	Monday – Saturday 8am to 6pm
Gladstone Street 2	Monday – Saturday 8am to 6pm
Gladstone Street 3	Monday – Saturday 8am to 6pm
Gladstone Street 4	Monday – Saturday 8am to 6pm
Kendrew Street	Monday – Saturday 8am to 6pm