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12 March 2024

Key Decision No

JAW/xxx/23-24 Civic Quarter Multi-Storey Car Park

Report by the Director for Resources and Sustainability

Executive Summary

Purpose

- 1.0 To seek approval to amend the Off-Street Parking Order to include the new Civic Quarter Multi-Storey Car Park.

Recommendations

- 2.1. The Director for Resources and Sustainability is delegated to implement the following:
 - 2.1.1 To set the charges for the new Civic Quarter Multi-Storey Car Park
 - 2.1.2. To amend the Off-St Parking Order to include the Civic Quarter Multi-Storey car park

Context

- 3.1 The Worthing Integrated Care Centre (WICC) Civic Quarter Multi-Storey Car park is due to be completed on the 23rd May 2024, opening shortly thereafter. The Worthing Off-Street Parking Order is required to be amended to have the prices and various legal definitions in the Order prior to the car park opening which will enable the car park

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to be able to charge for parking and the enforcement of the car park under The Traffic Management Act 2004 and associated regulations.

- 3.2 The Multi-Storey Car Park will be pay and display with the option for customers to also pay by phone using the MIPERMIT app or using cash or card at the pay and display machines

The Multi-Storey car park will be predominantly for visitors to the medical centre and spaces will be limited for the public during the day.

The car park will have 181 spaces divided up as follows:

Number of spaces	Reserved
41	Worthing Medical Group
40	SPFT
40	Medical Group
9	Worthing Borough Council Pool Cars
2	Pharmacy
49	Public spaces, predominantly on level 6 for customers to be able to park up and walk straight into the care centre as well as on other floors and a few spaces outside of the MSCP.

- 3.3 The Council will utilise 9 spaces for the council pool cars leaving 49 spaces available for the public to use which will be chargeable.
- 3.4 In addition to these 49 spaces the public will have use of an additional 76 spaces in the evenings 7 days a week, these spaces will also be chargeable.
- 3.5 The new car park is required to have 20% electric vehicle charging bays and a number of disabled bays.
- 3.6 The Electric Vehicle charging bays will be pay and display but with charging point facilities within the bay, this maximises the use of the spaces and ensures that the council does not lose income if

they were solely EV charging bays and left empty. This allocation can be reviewed as EV usage increases.

3.7 The proposals are summarised in the section below. Any revenue from the Civic Quarter Multi-Storey car park will be used to repay the capital investment.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 The recommended tariffs for the Civic Quarter MSCP are as follows:

WICC Car Park	Proposed Tariff (Mon-Sat 6am to 10pm)	Proposed Tariff (Sundays 6am to 10pm)	Night Rate (Mon-Sunday 10pm to 6am)
Up to 1 hour	£1.40	£1.10	£1.10
Up to 2 hours	£2.80	£2.10	£2.10
Up to 3 hours	£4.20	£3.20	£3.20 (Max amount)
Up to 4 hours	£5.60	£4.20	
Up to 5 hours	£7.00	£5.40	
All Day	£11.80 (6am to 10pm)	£5.40 (6am to 10pm)	

4.2 It is not proposed to introduce any season tickets for this Multi-Storey Car Park, however it is proposed to introduce a night rate at the car park. It is also proposed in retaining consistency with the other Multi-Storey car parks that charges apply for blue badge holders. There are 21 blue badge spaces on site.

5.0 Implementation

The implementation for the new WICC tariff changes will require an amendment to the Off-Street Parking Order which will involve a 4 week advertisement of the proposals and then a 2 week advertisement advising that the Order has been made. However the WICC tariffs will not come into effect until the Multi-Storey car park is officially opened. The Order will need to be amended prior to the car park opening on the 23rd May 2024.

Engagement and Communication

- 6.1** The proposed amendment to the Off-Street Parking Order will be sent to West Sussex County Council and the police. The notice of proposals will also be on the councils website

Financial Implications

- 7.1** The NHS Trust will pay the council £31,685 for the core spaces which will be dedicated Trust spaces seven days a week, 24 hours per day and £51,330 per annum for the flexible spaces which will only be utilised by the Trust Monday to Sunday 8am to 6pm. The income will be assigned to Parking's income but will be used towards the capital repayments on the building.

Legal Implications

- 8.1** Section 35C Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 makes provision for variation of charges at off street parking places, in accordance with regulations made by the Secretary of State. Section 35 of the Act allows Councils by order to make provision as to the charges to be paid in connection with the use of car parks where those car parks are off street.
- 8.2** The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 set out the procedures to be followed when carrying out a minor or major variation to off street parking charges including the change to the times that charging is applicable or amendments to the off-street parking order for example when introducing a new charge at an off-street car park for example season tickets.
- 8.3** s1 of the Localism Act 2011 empowers the Council to do anything an individual can do apart from that which is specifically prohibited by pre-existing legislation
- 8.4** Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 1999 (LGA 1999) contains a general duty on a best value authority to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

Background Papers

- None

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Sustainability & Risk Assessment

1. Economic

The proposals will help fund the essential Multi-Storey car park which will service predominantly visitors and patients to the new Worthing Integrated Care Centre

2. Social

2.1 Social Value

The investment in the car parks will enhance the experience for customers using them and increasing the sense of security.

2.2 Equality Issues

The new car park will have 21 accessible parking spaces

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

The car park will have CCTV which will improve security and reduce anti-social behaviour.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

Matter considered and no issues identified

3. Environmental

Matter considered and no issues identified. However the car park will have a number of electric vehicle charging points and accessible electric vehicle charging points which aligns with the Council's wider priorities, particularly in relation to sustainable transport and our efforts to reduce carbon emissions

4. Governance

Investment in the car parks is a key element of the transformation plans for Worthing, supporting the economy, and building the Councils' reputation.

Appendix A

Benchmarking of Car Park Charges

The table below shows comparable authorities car parking charges although the on-street charges in West Sussex as well as other council car park charges will be increased in 2024/2025 in other council areas.

Area	1hr	2hr	3hr	4hr	5hr	6hr	8hr	All day	Sunday/ BH
Zone A Worthing Town Centre (1 or 2 hour maximum)	£1.80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zone B / C Worthing Town Centre (1 or 2 hour maximum)	£1.70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Union Place Worthing (NCP)</i>	<i>£1.45 each hour</i>	<i>£1.45 each hour</i>	<i>£1.45 each hour</i>	<i>£1.45 each hour</i>	<i>£16.95 All day</i>				
<i>Short stay Chichester</i>	<i>£1.50</i>	<i>£3.00</i>	<i>£4.70</i>	<i>£6.30</i>	<i>£7.80</i>	<i>£9.40</i>	<i>£12.30</i>	<i>£14.60</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Central Chichester</i>	<i>£2.00</i>	<i>£4.00</i>	<i>£6.00</i>	<i>£8.00</i>	<i>£10/00</i>	<i>£12.00</i>	<i>£14.00</i>	<i>£16.00</i>	<i>£3.00 max</i>
<i>Swan Walk Horsham (centre)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>£2.60</i>	<i>£4.00</i>	<i>£5.30</i>	<i>£6.60</i>	<i>£7.90</i>	<i>£9.20</i>	<i>£13.20</i>	<i>£1.70 flat rate</i>
<i>Horsham Denne Rd</i>	<i>£1.60</i>	<i>£3.20</i>	<i>£4.80</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>£1.70 flat rate</i>
Mid Sussex Short Stay	£1.00	£1.50	£2.50	£5.00	4+ hours £7.40				
Mid Sussex Long Stay	£1.00	£1.50	£2.50	£3.70	4+ hours £5.00				
Hove - King Alfred	£2.30	£3.50	£4.60	£5.80	12 hours £11.50				