



Haringey Council

Agenda item:

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CABINET

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Report Title. **Urban Environment Fees and Charges 2009/10 –**
Part 1 - Sustainable Transport and Parking services

Report of **Niall Bolger, Director of Urban Environment**

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Wards(s) affected: **All**

Report for: **Key**

1. Purpose of the report

1.1 This report reviews fees and charges for Sustainable Transport and Parking Services and recommends increases in a number of areas.

2. Introduction by Cabinet Member for Environment & Conservation

2.1 This report asks the Cabinet to agree the proposed fees and charges for the coming financial year for Sustainable Transport and Parking Services.

3. State link(s) with Council Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies:

3.1 The review of fees and charges will support the achievement of council priorities , particularly making Haringey one of London's greenest boroughs and Creating a Better Haringey: cleaner, greener, safer.

4. Recommendations

- That the Cabinet agree the new charging model for parking pay & display charges.

- That the Cabinet authorise officers to proceed with statutory consultation on the propose changes to pay and display charges and subject to outcome of that consultation those increases are implemented from 1 April 2009.
- That the Cabinet approve the increases proposed to the existing Sustainable Transport Service fees & charges that will apply from 1 April 2009.
- That the Cabinet approve the new charges set in this report for Sustainable Transport Services as in paragraph 7.2 and Appendix 1.

5. Reason for recommendation(s)

5.1. The Council's external income policy has two fundamental principals: (i) Services should raise income wherever there is the power or duty so to do; and (ii) the income should (at least) cover the full cost, including all overheads of the service.

5.2 The Council's budget setting assumes an inflationary increase in Sustainable Transport and Parking Services fees and charges.

6. Other options considered

6.1 The review of fees and charges considered the budgeted increase to charges , but in terms of the parking service proposed alternative options.

7. Summary

7.1 In preparing this report the following factors have been taken into account:

- Current economic climate
- The fees and charges of neighbouring boroughs.
- The increase in materials and other costs.
- Where applicable, the current market rates.
- VAT implications.

Fees and Charges are inclusive of VAT where applicable.

7.2 Sustainable Transport

For Sustainable Transport in addition to the existing charges the following areas have also been identified as potential charging options for services that result in an additional cost to the service these include;

- Professional Technical fees for officer time to external organisations.
- Street work charges
- Abnormal load assessment recharging to relevant company due to Olympic construction demand through our Borough.

7.3 Parking Services

The Council agreed in the 2007/8 budget setting to increase parking permit charges by 5.5% over three years. This was 1.5% above RPI which at that time

was 4%. This increase was not implemented in 2008/9 and taking account of the reduction in RPI, the current economic climate, and feedback from residents, it is proposed that those charges remain frozen for 2009/10 and 2010/11.

The budget setting in 2007/8 also agreed a 6.5% increase in pay and display charges over three years. Pay & display charges were increased by 6.5% from October 2008. There are no proposals to implement the 6.5% increase in 2009/10. Instead charges were reviewed to address the inconsistencies that apply in pay and display charges across the borough.

For example, charges in some areas are based on an hourly rate, with time being purchased in increments of 5 minutes. In other areas charges are based on a minimum 20 minutes stay, with charges getting incrementally higher with a longer stay.

Those inconsistencies lead to confusion among users and dissatisfaction among Businesses, who need pay & display charging structures that reflect occupancy levels, managing turnover and that are consistent across the borough. It is proposed to introduce a new charging model that will have an hourly rate for low, medium and high usage areas that can be purchased in increments of 15 minutes.

Tariff 1	High usage area	£2.20
Tariff 2	Medium usage area	£1.40
Tariff 3	Low usage area	£1.00

Appendix 3 attached details the bandings and any change in charges that will apply to each area. In most areas no change is proposed and there is a maximum of a 30p per hour increase in other areas across the borough. There are no proposals to increase car park charges.

8. Chief Financial Officer Comments

8.1 The proposed fees and charges set out in the appendices are broadly based on inflationary uplifts of 2% allowing for some rounding to collectable amounts. VAT in the appendices is charged at the rate of 15% where appropriate. The rate is expected to return to 17.5% from 1st January 2010.

The Council's budget for 2009/10, as approved by Members on the 4th February 2009, included pre-agreed or new savings targets from above inflationary fees and charges increases in respect of pay and display charges and parking permits. The proposals in this report not to implement these increases will leave a shortfall of £340k over the next two years in the parking account. The Director of Urban Environment proposes to mitigate the shortfall through efficiencies within the parking service and by the re-prioritisation of investment within the Directorate. The specific efficiencies and other measures will be identified and closely monitored through the budget management process.

9. Head of Legal Services Comments

9.1. The Head of Legal Services agrees with the recommendations and notes that the proposals entail consultation. An increase in line with a 2% overall uplift is considered legally sound provided there are no exceptional disproportionate uplifts well in excess of 2% in any particular case.

10. Head of Procurement Comments – [Required for Procurement Committee]

10.1. N/A

11. Equalities & Community Cohesion Comments

11.1. Parking polices allow a wide range of concessions for disabled drivers and holders of the disabled badges may park free of charge in pay & display, residential permit and shared use bays, as well in the disabled badge holder bays provided across the borough.

12. Consultation

12.1. The change to pay and display charges will be subject to statutory consultation.

13. Service Financial Comments

13.1. The changes proposed to pay and display will generate an additional 80k if implemented from April 2009. However, this will still leave a total short fall of £340k in the parking account over the next two years. This shortfall will be mitigated through efficiencies within the parking service and by the re-prioritisation of investment within Urban Environment.

14. Use of appendices /Tables and photographs

- Appendix 1- sets out proposed increases to Sustainable Transport fees and charges
- Appendix 2 – sets out proposed changes to pay & display charges
- Appendix 3 – provides details of pay & display charges in other boroughs.

15. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

15.1 The Council's Financial Planning 2009/10 to 2011/12

15.2 The Council's External Income Policy

Appendix 1

Sustainable Transport Fees and Charges

Existing charges

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current Fee or Charge</u>	<u>Proposed Fee or Charge</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Hoarding licence (3 monthly)	£118/Licence	£120/Licence	1.7 %
Scaffolding licence	£118/Licence	£120/Licence	1.7 %
Container licence	£118	£120	1.7 %
Crane licence	£220 / Licence	£240 / Licence	9 %
Crossover applications (including staff time)	£104/application	£110/application	5.8 %
Inspector	£25/hr	£30/hr	20 %
Street defect charges section 72.	£144 per defect	Up to £150 per defect	4 %

Proposed New Charges

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current Fee or Charge</u>	<u>Proposed Fee or Charge</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Production of plans, maps requiring (hr) technical input	Nil	£25/Hr	
Request for information of sewer location	Nil	£60 per street	

Printing of plans A0 A1 A3 A4 (Large printing can be reduced by 10% with minimum of 30 copies).	Nil	£9/sheet £7/sheet £5/sheet £3/sheet	
Abnormal Load Assessment If diversion is required Traffic Management cost will be added.		£140/application Rechargeable	
Professional and technical fees	Nil	15% on the Cost	
Group Manager		£96 / hr	
Team Leader		£82 / hr	
Senior Engineer		£68 / hr	
Project Engineer		£45/hr	
Street Works Coordination		£82/hr	
Traffic Manager		£96/hr	
Traffic Surveys (15% on the cost)	Nil	15% on the cost	

APPENDIX 2 – Changes proposed to Pay & display charges

Pay & Display schemes	Current hourly rate	Occupancy levels	New tariff
Finsbury Park	£1.40	medium	£1.40 per hour <i>Payable in increments of 15 minutes of 35p</i>
Green Lanes A	£1.40	Medium	£1.40 per hour <i>Payable in increments of 15 minutes of 35p</i>
Green Lanes B	£1.40	Medium	£1.40 per hour <i>Payable in increments of 15</i>

Pay & Display schemes	Current hourly rate	Occupancy levels	New tariff
			<i>minutes of 35p</i>
Green lanes B – Eade Road and Hermitage Road	£1.40	Medium	£1.40 per hour <i>Payable in increments of 15 minutes of 35p</i>
Green Lanes Extension	£1.40	medium	£1.40 per hour <i>Payable in increments of 15 minutes of 35p</i>
Highgate Hill	£2.20	High	£2.20 per hour <i>Payable in increments of 15 minutes of 55p</i>
Highgate Station	£2.20	High	£2.20 per hour <i>Payable in increments of 15 minutes of 55p</i>
Wood Green	£2.20	High	£2.20 per hour <i>Payable in increments of 15 minutes of 55p</i>
Seven Sisters	£1.40	Medium	£1.40 per hour <i>Payable in increments of 15 minutes of 55p</i>
Bounds Green	£1.10	Medium	£1.40 per hour <i>Payable in increments of 15 minutes of 35p</i>
Bruce Grove	£1.40	Medium	£1.40 per hour <i>Payable in increments of 15 minutes of 35p</i>
Crouch End 20 minutes up to 45 minutes Up to 1 hour Up to 2 hours	£0.20 £0.50 £1.10 £2.70	Medium	£1.40 per hour <i>Payable in increments of 15 minutes of 35p</i>
Muswell Hill 20 minutes up to 45 minutes Up to 1 hour Up to 2 hours	£0.20 £0.50 £1.10 £2.70	Medium	£1.40 per hour <i>Payable in increments of 15 minutes of 35p</i>

Pay & Display schemes	Current hourly rate	Occupancy levels	New tariff
Turnpike Lane 20 minutes Up to 45 minutes Up to 1 Hour Up to 2 hours	£0.20 £0.50 £1.10 £2.70	Medium	£1.40 per hour <i>Payable in increments of 15 minutes of 35p</i>
Myddleton Road 20 minutes Up to 45 minutes Up to 1 Hour Up to 2 hours	£0.20 £0.50 £1.10 £2.70	Medium	£1.40 per hour <i>Payable in increments of 15 minutes of 35p</i>
White Hart Lane 30 minutes Up to one hour	£0.30 £1.10	Medium	£1.40 <i>Payable in increments of 15 minutes of 35p</i>
Stoneleigh Road 20 minutes Up to 45 minutes Up to 1 Hour Up to 2 hours	£0.20 £0.50 £1.10 £2.70	Medium	£1.40 <i>Payable in increments of 15 minutes of 35p</i>

Appendix 3 - Pay and display charges in other boroughs.

Local Authority

Current pay and display hourly tariffs

Brent	£1.50 per hr across borough
Barnet	£1.50 per hr across borough
Camden	Ranges from £1.60 to £4.80
Croydon	Ranges from £1.20 to £2.10 per hr.

Enfield	£1.00 per hr vouchers
Hackney	Ranges from £1.50 to £4.00
Harrow	Ranges from 30p3nc3 for a small area to £3.00 for prime areas
Islington	Ranges from £1.20 to £4.00 per hr
Kensington and Chelsea	Ranges from £1.50 to £3.00
Lambeth	Ranges from £2.00 to £4.00 per hr. there is also a small Zone where the tariff is 50 pence per hr.
Newham	Ranges from £1.00 to £1.20 per hr
Southwark	Ranges from £2.30 to £4.00 per hr
Tower Hamlet	Ranges from £2.00 to £3.50 per hour
Wandsworth	Ranges from £1.80 to £2.20 per hr. There is a small zone where tariff is 70 pence per hr.
Waltham Forest	£1.00 per hr
Westminster	Ranges from £2.00 to £4.00 per hr. There is also a small Zone where the tariff is £1.00 per hr.