

Committee(s)	Dated:
Barbican Residents Consultation Committee Barbican Residential Committee	04/03/2019 18/03/2019
Subject: Charging Policy for Disabled Car Park Users	Public
Report of: Director of Community and Children's Services	For information (RCC) For decision (BRC)
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Summary

At its meeting on 21 June 2018, the Barbican Residential Committee received a report on the Charging Policy for Car Parking on the Barbican Estate, where Members agreed to a one-year Policy for residential car parking charges. The Barbican Estate does not currently have a charging Policy for Disabled Car Parking.

Officers were instructed to carry out an Equalities Impact Assessment to enable the BRC's Member/Officer Working Party to assess whether a reduced charge should apply to disabled or similar users and, if so, what the reduction should be.

The BRC's Member/Officer Working Party met in October 2018 and a report was presented to Committee. This further report proposes a Policy for Disabled Car Park Users.

Recommendations

The Barbican Residential Committee is asked to endorse the work and recommendations of the Member/Officer Working Party and specifically, to approve a Charging Policy for Disabled Car park Users based on either option 1 or 2:

1. Option 1: a 25% reduction on the approved Car Parking bay charges in line with the annual review of charges in June 2019
2. Option 2: a CPI increase on the approved Car parking bay charges in line with the annual review of charges in June 2019
3. In addition to provide a concession of 2 hours free parking for disabled residents (blue or red badge holders) visiting ward motes (in Cripplegate and Aldersgate), and by prior arrangement with the Barbican Estate Office

Main Report

Background

4. At its meeting on 21 June 2018, the Barbican Residential Committee received a report on the Charging Policy for Car Parking on the Barbican Estate. Members agreed to a one-year policy for residential car parking charges.
5. It further agreed that an Equalities Impact Assessment be undertaken to assess the impact of the new Charging Policy and that this should be presented to the Working Party.
6. The BRC's Member/Officer Working Party met in October 2018 and reviewed a number of proposals which were presented to Committee. This further report proposes a Policy for Disabled Car park Users.
7. Members of the Working Party are:
 - Michael Hudson (Chair) – Chairman of the BRC
 - Sue Pearson – Deputy Chairman of the BRC
 - Randall Anderson – Member of the BRC
 - John Tomlinson – Member of the BRC
 - Paul Murtagh – Assistant Director Barbican & Housing
 - Michael Bennett – Head of Barbican Estates

Current Position

8. An Equalities Analysis was carried out of the new Car Parking Charging Policy (see Appendix 1).
9. Currently there are 11 disabled resident car park users on the Barbican Estate. The Working Party noted that very few residents used the car park on a temporary basis and agreed that disabled users for temporary car parking will continue to be managed on an individual basis by the on-site Concierge staff.

Proposals from the Working Party

10. That the BRC consider the following options:
 - a 25% reduction (currently £335) on the approved Car Parking bay charges (currently £1,340) in line with the annual review of charges in June 2019
 - a CPI increase on the approved Car parking bay charges in line with the annual review of charges in June 2019
 - provide a concession of 2 hours free parking for disabled residents (blue or red badge holders) visiting ward motes (in Cripplegate and Aldersgate), and by prior arrangement with the Barbican Estate Office

Implications

11. All costs on any reductions pertaining to approvals by this Committee will be met by the Car Park Account.

Conclusions

12. The Member/Officer Working Party, set up at the instruction of the BRC, has reviewed comments from Members and resident representatives and a number of options are laid out in paragraphs 1-3 of this report.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Equalities Analysis

Background Papers

Car Park Strategy Stage One 2009

Car Park Strategy Update 2009

Barbican Estate Car Park Efficiency Strategy Working Party 2011

Baggage Stores Charging Policy 2011

Car Park Charging Policy February 2013

Car Park Charging Policy December 2013

Car Park and Baggage Stores Charging Policy January 2014

Revenue and Capital Budgets – Latest Approved Budget 2013/14 and Original Budget 2014/15

Service Based Review Proposals – Department of Community & Children's Services 2014

Car Park Charging Policy 2015

Car Park Charging Policy March 2016

Service Based Review March 2016

Review of Public Car Park Provision in the City November 2016

Charging Policy for Car Parking and Stores November 2016

Charging Policy for Car Parking June 2017

Charging Policy for Car Parking and Stores June 2018

Charging Policy for Car Parking and Stores December 2018

Charging Policy for Car Parking and Stores January 2019

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