

Addendum to agenda item 4 – C/23/52 Proposed on-street parking charges- 15th November 2023

1. INTRODUCTION

This addendum follows an investigation into the possibility of offering free parking for an initial 30 minutes in the proposed on-street pay & display bays in and around shopping streets in Folkestone, Sandgate, Hythe and New Romney before charging applies. Both the cashless parking provider and the P&D machine supplier can offer this. Drivers must either obtain a ticket from the machine and display it or book the free session via RingGo to avoid a penalty charge.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That recommendation 2 be replaced with the following:

That subject to statutory consultation:

- a. Parking charges be introduced in and around the shopping streets as shown in appendix 1 in Folkestone, Sandgate, Hythe and New Romney from the 1st April 2024.
- b. That the following charges with the minimum stay being 30 minutes and maximum stay 2 hours, all days, 8am-6pm, be applied:
 - Folkestone: free for the first 30 minutes, then £2 per hour, linear per minute
 - Sandgate, Hythe & New Romney: free for the first 30 minutes, then £1.80 per hour, linear per minute
- c. That unlimited waiting for permit holders continue to apply in areas with existing shared use parking.
- d. To authorise capital spend of £70k for the procurement of new pay & display machines, signing and lining.

3. PROPOSALS

That item 2.3 be replaced with:

It is proposed that subject to statutory consultation, the following linear per minute charges with minimum stay of 30 minutes and maximum stay of 2 hours are applied all days, 8am-6pm, from 1st April 2024:

- Folkestone – free for the first 30 minutes, then £2 per hour
- Sandgate, Hythe, and New Romney – free for the first 30 minutes, then £1.80 per hour

4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

That the following be included as item 3.5.

The option to offer the initial 30 minutes free of charge will reduce the potential income from £384,712 to £288,534k on the best-case scenario, and from £230k to £173k on a worst-case scenario. Full details are shown in appendix 1.

5. CONTACT OFFICERS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Councillors with any questions arising out of this report should contact the following officer prior to the meeting.

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The following background documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report:

None

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Financial Model showing free parking for the first 30 minutes.