

Equality Impact Assessment: Conversation Screening Tool

[Use this form to prompt an EIA conversation and capture the discussion. This completed form or if needed, a full EIA report (form 3) will be published as part of the decision-making process **Please delete prompts before publishing**

What is being reviewed?	Parking Charges Increase – August 2022
What changes are being made?	To increase parking charges in Beach car parks and on-street pay and display areas by 10% per tariff band.
Service Unit:	Transport and Engineering
Participants in the conversation:	Robert Pickernell Susan Dias
Conversation date/s:	26/05/2022
Do you know your current or potential client base? Who are the key stakeholders?	All car park users - local businesses, residents, visitors.
Do different groups have different needs or experiences?	<p>Disability The proposed changes impact all service users, however blue badge holders will not be impacted on-street due to the free parking their blue badge entitles them to; off-street all disabled tax-exempt vehicle (DTEV) permit holders are able to park for free; there is no proposed increase to DTEV parking permit charges. All payment options through the cashless mobile phone and car park Pay & Display machines remain available.</p> <p>To maintain access to parking the Blue Badge and Parent and Child bays are actively monitored by the enforcement team and PCNs issued to any unauthorised vehicles.</p> <p>All beach areas are serviced by public buses with provision for priority users such as wheelchairs and pushchairs.</p> <p>Socio-economic status In summer 2021 66569 people used the King's Park park and ride. The park and ride will be operational again this summer providing a cheaper more environmentally sustainable modes of transport helping to reduce congestion and improve air quality costing £5 to park and free travel.</p> <p>Beryl bikes and electric scooters are available at locations throughout BCP and at all seafronts locations.</p> <p>Discounted parking permits are available for both residents and non-residents.</p> <p>Free parking is also available within walking distance in some unrestricted on-street parking areas.</p> <p>Age (young/old), gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender, sexual orientation, members of the armed forces</p>

	<p>community, any other factors/groups e.g. carers, human rights.</p> <p>In relation to their protected characteristics the above groups are not impacted by the price increase.</p>
<p>Will this change affect any service users?</p>	<p>No, the proposed changes are only increasing the charges, all payment options and accessibility to parking remain the same to the services already provided.</p> <p>Surplus income from off-street car parks will be used to help mitigate against increased pressures on council budgets and any on-street surplus will be used to support and improve the local transport infrastructure.</p>
<p>[If the answer to any of the questions above is 'don't know' then you need to gather more evidence. The best way to do this is to use forms 2 and 3. <i>*Please delete prompts before publishing*</i></p>	
<p>What are the benefits or positive impacts of the change on current or potential users?</p>	<p>Encourage customers to use more environmentally friendly modes of transportation helping to reduce congestion and improve quality of life for residents.</p> <p>Surplus income from off-street car parks will be used to help mitigate against increased pressures on council budgets and any on-street surplus will be used to support and improve the local transport infrastructure.</p>
<p>What are the negative impacts of the change on current or potential users?</p>	<p>Increased cost of parking – this can be mitigated by use of the park and ride, public transport and more sustainable modes of transport.</p>
<p>Will the change affect employees?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Will the change affect the wider community?</p>	<p>The increased charges will help to improve the quality of life for BCP residents whilst still welcoming visitors supporting the vitality of the towns.</p>
<p>What mitigating actions are planned or already in place for those negatively affected by this change?</p>	<p>The proposed changes impact all service users, however blue badge holders will not be impacted on-street due to the free parking their blue badge entitle them to; off-street all disabled tax-exempt vehicle (DTEV) permit holders are able to park for free; there is no proposed increase to DTEV parking permits.</p> <p>In summer 2021 66569 people used the King's Park park and ride and 1694 using the Poole Civic Centre site</p> <p>As demonstrated by the 2021 usage figures the requirement for a Park and Ride service from Poole is extremely low and as such will not be continued this year. The Kings Park park and ride will be operational again this summer providing a cheaper more environmentally sustainable modes of transport helping to reduce congestion and improve air quality costing £5 per vehicle to park and free travel.</p> <p>Discounted parking permits are available for both residents and non-residents.</p>

	<p>All aspects of the council's summer readiness plan will be reviewed in the autumn and used to make informed changes to the following years provision.</p>
<p>Summary of Equality Implications:</p>	<p>The proposed changes impact all service users, however blue badge holders will not be impacted on-street due to the free parking their blue badge entitle them to; off-street all disabled tax-exempt vehicle (DTEV) permit holders are able to park for free; there is no proposed increase to DTEV parking permits.</p> <p>Priority Blue Badge and parent and Child bays are regularly patrolled to deter and prevent improper use and help identify any changes required in the provision.</p> <p>The 10% in parking charge increase will likely have a minor negative impact on some low socio-economic groups this can be mitigated by the use of cheaper more sustainable modes of transport are available such as the park and ride charged at £5 per vehicle and through the council's Beryl bike and electric scooter provision.</p> <p>The use of public transport and more sustainable modes of transport will help to contribute to a reduction in congestion improving air quality for residents and visitors.</p>