

Officer Non Key Executive Decision

Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):	John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environment
Relevant Cabinet Member (for consultation purposes):	Councillor Mark Smith, Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise and Job Creation
Report Author (Officer name and title):	Anthony Power, Parking Officer
Implementation Date of Decision:	28 July 2020

New Off Street Parking Places

The Borough of Blackpool (Off Street Parking Places) and (Revocations) Order 2020

1.0 Purpose of report:

- 1.1 To seek approval for officers to proceed with the statutory consultation, advertisement and making of a proposed Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a new off street parking place order to cover the new way to pay for the car park tickets as detailed within this report.

2.0 Recommendations(s):

- 2.1 To authorise the statutory consultation and advertisement of notice of the intention of the Council to make a Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to implement a new payment system for all the council owned off street parking places and to revoke existing details relating to off street parking places as contained in The Borough of Blackpool (Off Street Parking Places) and (Revocations) order 2017. And to make a new order for off street parking that allows customers of the car parks to pay for their ticket either by phone, through an app, or by standard card payments. Tickets will be issued virtually through the app and by phone. Payments made by card will still receive a printed pay and display tickets which has to be displayed in the vehicle. All business and council staff who pay to park in the council owned car parks will now have virtual tickets, no tickets need to be displayed in the vehicle as the vehicle registration numbers will be held on a new parking system.
- 2.2 If no objections are received in relation to the proposals or if any objections are received and are subsequently withdrawn, to authorise the Head of Legal to make the Traffic Regulation Order.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To fulfil the Traffic Management role of Blackpool Council, please see Background Information below.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved Budget Yes

3.2 Other alternative options to be considered:

Not to progress the proposed Traffic Regulation Order to statutory consultation and advertisement stage.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is "Create safer communities and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour"

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Parking services have decided to implement cashless parking. This means that on parking machines in council owned car parks there will now be a notice giving customers a telephone number to ring to pay for their car park ticket. There is also an app that people can download to pay for their car parking. The app is free for either iPhone or Android and just requires the person, once the app is downloaded, to register through the app. The ticket is paid for through this app. The app also keeps you informed of how much time you have left on your tickets and give customers the option of extending their stay by extending the current ticket at the relevant charges.

No physical ticket will be issued but the customers car registration plate will be added to the computer system, so as any Civil Enforcement Officer (CEO) patrolling the car park, can scan the cars registration plate with their hand held devices and it will display whether a ticket has been bought or not. The pay and display machines will still be able to issue physical tickets as well, but payment for these will be restricted to a debit or credit card.

As well as virtual tickets for the general public, there will also be virtual permits for all business and staff who pay for a permit to park in the Council owned car parks. From now on no paper permit will be issued to display in a vehicle. Instead the cars registration plates will be held on a database and again as above the CEO's can scan registration plates to see if a virtual permit has been obtained.

Car Parks Effected

5.1a Bloomfield Ward

Bethesda Square Car Park
Bloomfield Road Car Park
Bolton Street Car Park
Foxhall Village Car & Coach Park
Lonsdale Road Car Park
Seasiders Way Car & Coach Park

5.1b Brunswick Ward

Gorton Street Car Park
Victory Road Car Park

5.1c Claremont Ward

Banks Street Car Park
Cocker Street Car Park
Cocker Square Car Park
Filey Place Car Park
Talbot Road Surface Car Park
Queen Street Car Park

5.1c Greenlands Ward

Bispham Car Park for DWP

5.1d Ingthorpe Ward

Bispham Village Car Park

5.1e Marton Ward

Stanley Park Car Parking

5.1f Squires Gate Ward

Wimbourne Place Car Park

5.1g Talbot Ward

Albert Road Car Park
Bonney Street Car Park
Central Car Park
Chapel Street Multi-storey Car Park
East Topping Street Car Park
South King Street Car Park
Talbot Road Multi-storey Car Park
Temple Street Car Park
Tower Street Car Park
West Street Multi-storey Car Park

5.1h Victoria Ward
Palatine Leisure Centre Car Park

5.1i Warbreck Ward
Gynn Square Car Park

5.1j Waterloo Ward
Lytham Road Car Park
South Car Park
South Beach Car Park

5.1 List of appendices

Statement of Reason

PDF's showing Car Parks:-

A	West Street
B	East Topping Street
C	Queen Street
D	Talbot Road Multi Storey
E	Filey Place
F	Tower Street
G	Chapel Street Multi Storey
H	Bonny Street
I	Central
J	Bolton Street
K	Lytham Road
L	South Beach
M	South
N	Cocker Square
O	Cocker Street
P	South King Street
Q	Gynn Square
R	Banks Street
S	Foxhall Village Car and Coach
T	Seasiders Way Car and Coach
U	Bloomfield Road
V	Lonsdale Road
W	Temple Street
Y	Palatine Leisure
Z	Stanley Park
AA	Albert Road
AB	Gorton Street
AC	Victory Road
AD	Talbot Road Surface
AE	Bispham Village

AF Wimbourne Place
AG Bispham Car Park (DWP)
AH Bethesda Square

Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 Under Section 32 and 35 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council in its capacity as traffic authority may make a traffic regulation order where it appears to the authority making the order that it is expedient to make it-

(a) may provide off-street parking places (whether above or below ground and whether or not consisting of or including buildings) together with means of entrance to and egress from them, or

(b) may by order authorise the use as a parking place of any part of a road within their area, not being a road the whole or part of the width of which is within Greater London.

As respects any parking place—

(a) provided by a local authority under section 32 of this Act, or

(b) provided under any letting or arrangements made by a local authority under section 33(4) of this Act,

the local authority, subject to Parts I to III of Schedule 9 to this Act, may by order make provision as to—

(i) the use of the parking place, and in particular the vehicles or class of vehicles which may be entitled to use it,

(ii) the conditions on which it may be used,

(iii) the charges to be paid in connection with its use (where it is an off-street one), and

(iv) the removal from it of a vehicle left there in contravention of the order and the safe custody of the vehicle

And the power under paragraph (iii) to make provision as to the payment of charges shall include power to make provision requiring those charges, or any part of them, to be paid by means of the hire or purchase in advance, or the use, of parking devices in accordance with the order.

6.2 Under Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the Council has a duty to exercise the functions conferred on it by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.

6.3 The making of a Traffic Regulation Order requires advertisement and

consultation in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. As amended by The Traffic Orders Procedure (Coronavirus) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2020

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 NA

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 NA

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 NA

11.0 Ethical consideration:

11.1 NA

12.0 Internal / External Consultations undertaken:

12.1 Formal consultation with Lancashire Constabulary Road Policing Unit and other statutory consultation will be undertaken as necessary.

12.2 Notice of the intention to make the Traffic Regulation Order will be published in the Blackpool Gazette. Documents shall be made available for public inspection at Customer First, and Bickerstaffe House from the date on which the notice of proposal is first published until 6 weeks after the date the order is made or if earlier, the date on which the council decides not to make the order. Additional notification of the proposals, for example by site notices and/or notification to properties affected by the Order shall be carried out as appropriate.

13.0 Decision of Chief Officer:

13.1 To authorise the statutory consultation and advertisement of notice of the intention of the Council to make a Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to implement a new payment system for all the council owned off street parking places and to revoke existing details relating to off street parking places as contained in The

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14.0 Reason for the Decision of the Chief Officer

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