

**31 January 2017**

**Policy Finance and Resources Committee**

**Introduction of a motorcycle ban in marked bays in Council owned car parks**

**Report of:** Philip Ruck – Chief Executive

**Wards Affected:** All

**This report is:** Public

**1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to request that Members agree to
- a) the introduction of a motorcycle ban (in marked bays) in all the Council's car parks.
  - b) limit free parking by vehicles displaying a Blue badge to 3 hours.
- 1.2 The Car Park order currently allows motorcycles and vehicles displaying a blue badge to park free for unlimited periods.

**2. Recommendation(s).**

**That the committee agrees to the following:**

- 2.1 To amend the existing Parking order to limit free parking for solo motor cycles in marked bays in all car parks to 3 hours, where motorcycles are parked in spaces not dedicated to motorcycles**
- 2.2 To amend the Parking order to allow unlimited free parking for solo motor cycles in marked motorcycle bays.**
- 2.3 To amend the Parking order to limit free parking by blue badge holders to 3 hours in all car parks.**
- 2.4 To make the disabled car park in WHW a maximum 3 hours free parking.\***
- 2.5 That all the changes agreed in this recommendation should be introduced as part of the next planned changes to the Parking Order.**

*\*Otherwise it will be necessary to install a P&D machine in this car park.*

### **3. Introduction and Background**

- 3.1 The number of motorcycles using Hunter Avenue car park in Shenfield has increased steadily over the last 2 years. Within Parking the increase has been managed by encouraging the riders to park as close to the bicycle storage area as possible. This has worked well ensuring that the minimum number of spaces is occupied by motorcycles. The increased number has become difficult to manage and it is anticipated to grow.
- 3.2 Hunter Avenue car park is due to be resurfaced in the next month at which time the layout of the car park will be redesigned to incorporate 2 motor cycle areas.
- 3.3 The bays will be in the corners of the car park in areas that cannot be used for car parking.
- 3.4 There is currently no formal motorcycle parking bays in any of the Council's car parks.
- 3.5 Once these bays have been established Parking Services will encourage the motorcycles to park in them and once the order has been amended the proposed changes will be enforced.

### **4. Blue badge Parking**

- 4.1 There is also an issue with blue badges being misused with 5 or 6 vehicles regularly parking all day in Hunter Avenue car park.
- 4.2 To discourage misuse in all our car parks free parking for blue badge holders should be limited to 3 hours.
- 4.3 The changes recommended will require a change to the Parking order.
- 4.4 It is proposed that these two changes will be introduced into all council car parks with works being carried out to create motor cycle bays where there is demand.

### **5. Reasons for Recommendation**

- 1. To free up space in a busy shoppers car parks.
- 2. To address a matter that it is believed will get worse as Cross Rail comes to an end.

3. To reduce the misuse of Blue Badges and free up parking across the borough for all blue badge holders.

## **6. Consultation**

- 6.1 None

## **7. References to Corporate Plan**

- 7.1 The New Ways of Working Programme seeks to ensure the Council is making the most efficient use of its resources.

## **8. Implications**

### **Financial Implications**

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- 8.1 The cost of implementation will be in the region of £5,000.

### **Legal Implications**

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- 8.2 Only land owned and controlled by Brentwood Borough Council can be included in the parking order. All other land must be controlled by South Essex Parking Partnership.

## **9. Background Papers** (include their location and identify whether any are exempt or protected by copyright)

- 9.1 None

## **10. Appendices to this report**

- 10.1 None

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