

Committee(s): Policy, Resources & Economic Development	Date: 8 March 2023
Subject: King's Coronation – Free Parking 8 th May 2023	Wards Affected: All
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Summary

Brentwood Borough Council will offer free parking in all its Council owned car parks on Monday 8th May 2023.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

R1. Approve that the parking fees on Monday 8th May 2023 are waived and Council owned car parks offer all day free parking on this day.

Main Report

Introduction and Background

1. The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey in London. During the ceremony, the King will be crowned alongside Her Majesty The Queen Consort. Across the country events will be taking place to mark this historic occasion.

2. Across the Coronation Weekend, there will be further opportunities for people to come together in celebration of the historic occasion. On Sunday, 7th May 2023, a special Coronation Concert will be staged and broadcast.

3. The Coronation Big Lunch, at which neighbours and communities are invited to share food and fun together, will take place across the country on the same date (7th May 2023).
4. On Monday, 8th May 2023, members of the public will be invited to take part in The Big Help Out, which will encourage people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas.
5. The Council has its own event planned at King George's Playing Fields on Monday 8th May 2023 12-5pm.

Issue, Options and Analysis of Options

6. The Council is proposing to offer free parking all day across all of its Council owned car parks on Monday 8th May 2023.
7. By offering free parking this small gesture undertaken is an act of good will by the Council to aid residents to celebrate the events being held across the borough for the King's Coronation as well as showing support for our local businesses.
8. As Monday 8th May 2023 is The Big Help Out, the Council hopes by offering free car parking on this day, this will support and encourage volunteering and supporting the local area.

Reasons for Recommendation

9. Supporting events across the borough being held on the bank holiday for the King's coronation .

Consultation

10. No formal consultation has been undertaken

Implications

Financial Implications

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The average loss of car parking income for a day is £3,046 excluding season tickets.

Legal Implications

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There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Economic Implications

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Offering free parking will have a positive impact on the local economy, it is envisaged this weekend of events will create footfall for the borough's local businesses. The Council supporting free parking opens up opportunities for residents and visitors to support the borough's economy.

Equality and Diversity Implications

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Other Implications (where significant) – i.e., Health and Safety, Asset Management, Risk Management, Section 17 – Crime & Disorder, Sustainability, ICT.

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Summary

The Council introduces a term time car parking season ticket for King George’s Playing Field, made available to students and school employees should they wish to purchase one.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

R1. Agree the introduction of a term time season ticket for King George’s Playing Field from 1st April 2023 at a cost of £950 per annum.

Main Report

Introduction and Background

1. Fees and charges made by the Council for numerous services are reviewed on an annual basis by the relevant Committees relating to the services provided. Recommended amendments to the fees and charges are incorporated into the budget setting process to take effect from the following budget year.
2. The Parking fees and charges were considered on 23rd November 2022 by this committee and adopted following the approval of the budget at Full Council on 1st March 2023.

3. Since the adoption of the budget the parking department have suggested a solution regarding the enquiries, they receive from local secondary schools regarding parking for their sixth form students.
4. Therefore, as this is a new additional charge proposed to what has already been approved, this committee is asked to consider the proposal and approve the new charge to be implemented from 1st April 2023.

Issue, Options and Analysis of Options

5. The Council is proposing to offer students and employees of local schools and nurseries the option of purchasing a term time season ticket for King George's playing field car park.
6. There is an average 190 days per school year, and it is proposed to offer a season ticket of £950. This equates to £5 per day parking. The day charge for the MSCP at Coptfold Road will be £6 from 1st April and £6.60 for all other car parks. Therefore, this option would save a customer £190-£304 depending on the car park and if they are parking every day.
7. King George's Playing Field Car Park during term time is underutilised and is near three secondary schools, Brentwood County High School, Brentwood Ursuline Convent School, and Brentwood School.
8. Some students are currently parking in the Town Hall North Car Park or MSCP. However, the current season tickets being purchased for the MSCP are administration heavy as this involves entering and removing student's car registration from the ANPR as they are purchasing tickets monthly.
9. If these decided to park at King George's this will reduce the administrative burden and free up limited parking at the town hall during the day.
10. It is proposed the season ticket could be payable monthly.
11. Following approval, the parking department will contact local schools and nurseries to offer the opportunity of purchasing the season ticket.

Reasons for Recommendation

12. To support residents and employees who work in the schools an incentive to park at a reduced cost to the current day rates, utilising spaces in an under

used car park so town centre car parks can support local businesses and shoppers within the town centre.

Consultation

13.No formal consultation has been undertaken

Implications

Financial Implications

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Financial implications have been included within the report. If approved, implications will be reflected during 2023/24 budget updates regarding additional income to the season ticket parking budget already approved as part of the budget.

Loss of parking income because of the discounted rate will be offset by the additional income raised from those customers that park, who would not otherwise have done so. Any net loss will have been contained within the overall car parking budget.

Legal Implications

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The Council is able under the relevant legislation to recover costs for services it provides. The Council can charge for discretionary services under the Local Government Act 2003 section 93 and the Localism Act 2011 general power of competence and is able to review the fees and charges in line with these provisions.

Economic Implications

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It is important that the Council review fees and charges, which identifies how corporate priorities will be delivered, including growing our economy. This proposal identifies an opportunity to support residents and employees by offering reducing parking costs but ensures town centre car parks remain available for town centre businesses and the local shoppers.

Other Implications (where significant) – i.e., Health and Safety, Asset Management, Risk Management, Section 17 – Crime & Disorder, Sustainability, ICT.

None