

Budget Proposals 2012/13: Major Decision: Combined Impact Assessment: Initial Review (Part 1)

Business Unit	RVS	Proposal:	Additional measures for on and off street car parking services, exploiting the commercial opportunities within the parking service, and the improved management of parking on the highway leading to the efficient turn over of limited on street parking spaces.
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The council and its partners are facing a significant challenge in the savings it needs to make over the next couple of years. This Impact Assessment Initial Review has been developed as a tool to enable business units to:

- Fully consider the impact of proposed changes on the community
- Be the basis for engagement with those potentially affected
- Ensure clarity on the extent of saving that can be made during 2012/13 commencing from 1 April
- Justify the Council's decision making process if challenged

This initial review will allow Councillors and members of the public to understand proposed changes so that they are best placed to provide their feedback.

Following this initial review and any consultation / engagement activity you have undertaken you must complete a Part 2 Review which is the second part to this Combined Impact Assessment. Together the whole impact assessment will evidence that you have fully considered the impact of your proposed changes and carried out appropriate consultation on those changes with the key stakeholders.

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Summary from Overall Proposal (Updated as required)

Proposals – Outline	Savings 2012/13		Implementation Cost Include brief outline + year incurred	Delivery In place 01/04/12 If earlier or later state date	Risks / impact of proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential risks Impact on community Knock on impact to other agencies/partners/departments 	Type of decision*		
	Net Income £ 000's	Budget reduction £ 000's				Internal	Minor	Major
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Savings/Costs	473.2K	-	Cost of implementation will be in 2011/12 at £369,250	04/2012	Volatile market as relates to demand led service could impact on income year on year Customer resistance to pricing policy, changes to services and additional on-street meters			√

Overall Saving 2012/13	N/A
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Stage 1: Impact Assessment

No	Question	Details
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1.	Additional details of proposed change – If required	<p>The change includes a number of elements: These are currently include the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clamp persistent PCN evaders who do not pay their fines – clamping to be implemented when there are over 5 outstanding fines unpaid. ○ Rent space to car washing and valeting services in car parks. ○ Increase the cost of parking permits for off street car parks by 10%. ○ Use mobile enforcement vehicles to enforce illegal parking at schools/bus stops and where necessary to improve safety. ○ Offer parking management solutions to private car park operators. ○ Review options on provision of parking charges for disabled permit holders and charge a nominal administration fee of £20 for permits at renewal. ○ Charge skip providers the on street parking charges as well as the skip licence where located on chargeable spaces. ○ Introduce more on-street parking areas (as proposed in Appendix 2). ○ Review management options of on-street and off-street motorbike parking areas. ○ Provide additional commercial advertising hoarding space in car parks. ○ Pay on exit options for multi storey car parks.
2.	Who will this affect?	This will affect all users of the on-street and off-street parking facilities. This is likely to affect all car users who are resident in Torbay. In particular disabled people will be charged administration fees for the first time in Torbay. Although many areas charge the same fees for disabled drivers, Torbay has not. If full charging was introduced at a later date there are concerns over more disabled drivers parking on double and single yellow lines to avoid charges. The charging for pay and display parking for disabled users has not be actioned within the review
3.	How will it affect them?	This will result in higher costs to the users of the service for allocating new chargeable areas and changes to permit charging policy.
4.	Which vulnerable groups, if any, will be specifically affected?	Disabled drivers will be adversely affected in Torbay compared to previously. However the proposals are in line with other authority areas who already charge disabled drivers parking fees.
5.	Will the proposed change make people vulnerable who might not be considered as such now?	This proposal may disadvantage social service and other care workers who park in unrestricted areas when visiting clients where these will now be designated pay and display spaces.

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6.	What, if any, alternative provision available to those affected?	There are many combinations where income can be raised and, changes to parking arrangement have been made. These have been debated with members of the public and at community groups and partnerships before this proposed implementation.
7.	How many people do you think will be affected?	A significant proportion of the population. Car and motorbike users
8.	Knock on impact to any other agency / voluntary sector group?	Social workers and care workers visiting people at home. Some sports clubs in areas where free parking will be charged as pay and display spaces. These have been consulted on with the groups affected.
9.	Any implementation / set up costs?	Yes – there are significant start up costs in terms of equipment required. These in year 1 of the business case are expected to be £369,250
10.	Reputational risk to the Council	Parking has always been seen by traders and others as a reason why people choose not shop in the towns choosing to go to areas like the Willows where parking is free. Residents and local businesses have submitted objections and petitions and these have been reviewed by the Transport Working Party in compiling the proposals. Some areas have changed as a result of consultation.

Stage 2: Engagement

No	Question	Details
11.	Who do you need to consult / engage with?	There is a formal legislative process in place where objections can be received. These orders will be posted once approval to proceed has been given. Consultation on the proposals has taken place with interested parties and community partnership as part of the development of the proposals.
12.	Are there any specific groups / agencies that will need to be consulted?	There has been some work on discussing this with a selection of traders and businesses, community partnerships, the NHS staff at Nicholson Road and other interest groups.
13.	Initial proposals for consultation / engagement?	Through the formal channels and informal discussions with groups
14.	Consultation already started?	Full consultation has taken place on the development of the proposals with those identified in 2.12
15.	Resources available	This is already included in the cost of applying the proposals within the report

Stage 3 Agreed Next Steps

No	Action	Next Step	Decision
16.	Proceed with consultation / engagement?	Outline support required from Business Services	
17.	Modify proposals for change.	Scope of change to be considered. Will need to carry out an initial review for modified proposals	
18.	Not to proceed with proposed changes?	<i>Outline why the decision has been taken not to proceed with the changes</i>	