



## **North Devon Council**

Report Date: 06 January 2025

Topic: Review of the North Devon Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2025

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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. Each year the Off Street Parking Order is reviewed to ensure compliance and correctness for use.
- 1.2. Each year the conditions and charges have been considered by the Strategy & Resources Committee to maintain compliance and suitability.

### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

Strategy & Resources Committee agree to carry out a consultation as requested by parishes and include amendments for North Devon Council Car Parks as set out below; this will be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025.

- 2.1. To give delegated power to the Head of Place Property and Regeneration in consultation with the Leader, Senior Solicitor and Monitoring Officer to make the Order following the consultation subject to there being no material objections or amendments necessary

#### **2.2. Braunton Parish Council**

Braunton Parish Council have not requested any amendments.

#### **2.3 Combe Martin Parish Council**

Combe Martin Parish Council have not requested any amendments.

#### **2.4 Instow Parish Council**

Strategy & Resources Committee to accept changes to charges and regulations for Instow Marine car park and include the amendments into the Off Street Parking as described below and shown in Appendix A

#### **2.5 Lynton & Lynmouth Town Council**

Strategy & Resources Committee to accept changes to charges and regulations for Bottom Meadow, Cross Street, Esplanade, Lower Lyndale, Upper Lyndale, Upper Valley of Rocks, Valley of Rocks and Watersmeet car parks and include the amendments into the Off Street Parking as described below and shown in Appendix A

## **2.6 South Molton Town Council**

Strategy & Resources Committee to accept changes to charges and regulations for South Molton Central car park, Sheep Pen car park and South Molton Coach & Lorry Park and include the amendments into the Off Street Parking Order as described below and shown in Appendix A.

## **2.7 North Devon Council Car Parks**

Strategy & Resources Committee recommends to Full Council to vary the charges and regulations for all NDC owned car parks as outlined in Appendix A and include the amendments into the Off Street Parking Order as described below.

### **3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

To update the Off Street Parking Order to reflect the current needs of Parish, Town and District Councils following the annual review and to propose changes to the level of car park charges applied.

### **4. REPORT**

The report is divided between Parish requests and amendments to the current order for correctness, North Devon Council requests that the amendments are adopted and accepted to the current order for correctness.

The Definitions have been reviewed and amended.

The Scale of Charges has been reviewed and amended – both the previous and amended versions have been provided for comparison.

### **North Devon Council Amendments**

Request is made to Strategy & Resources Committee to accept and adopt within the North Devon (Off Street Parking Places) Order the amendments to the regulations for Off Street parking places within the management and control of North Devon Council, as follows:

#### **Barnstaple**

- 1.** To accept and adopt the changes to the terminology, definitions and scale of charges as shown in Appendix B.
- 2.** To accept and adopt the creation of a Seven Brethren Long Stay annual permit to incentivise use of the new car park.
- 3.** To accept and adopt the removal of the 'Van' tariff, to be renamed 'Oversized' defined as a vehicle that cannot be parked wholly within a standard parking bay and added to the Lorry/Coach tariff. Specification included on Appendix A (Part 2, main body of text).

4. To accept and adopt the addition of the requirement for all vehicles being legal and roadworthy, specifically valid motor insurance, vehicle tax and MOT to Part 2 Use of Land and Parking place. This will assist with the enforcement and support the partnership with DVLA.
5. To accept and adopt the increase in price for a Bickington Residents permits bringing it in line with other resident permits.
6. To accept and adopt the removal of the Rolle Quay Reserved permits due to lack of public interest.
7. The increase in price for 4 & 7 day season and Rover permits in line with the increase of tariffs.

#### **Ilfracombe**

1. To accept and adopt the changes to the terminology, definitions and scale of charges as shown in Appendix B.
2. Ilfracombe Town Council to adopt charges as per Appendix A for Ropery Road car park.
3. Ilfracombe Town Council to adopt charges as per Appendix A for Cheyne Beach annual permits to £340 + VAT
4. Ilfracombe Town Council to adopt the removal of condition **N10** for Ropery Road car park as shown in Appendix A, **N10** means 'No sleeping'.

#### **Croyde**

1. To accept and adopt the changes to the terminology, definitions and scale of charges as shown in Appendix B

#### **Braunton**

1. No changes to accept or adopt.

#### **Combe Martin**

1. No changes to accept or adopt.

#### **Instow**

1. To accept and adopt the removal of condition **H2**, means '8.00am to 6.00pm' and the addition of condition **H22**, means '6.00am to 8.00pm'.
2. Instow Parish Council to adopt charges as per Appendix B for Marine car park.

#### **Lynton & Lynmouth**

1. To accept and adopt the changes to the terminology, definitions and scale of charges as shown in Appendix B.
2. Lynton Town Council to accept charges as shown in Appendix B for NDC car parks (under Agency), Esplanade, Bottom Meadow, Cross St, Lower Lyndale, Upper Lyndale, Manor Foreshore, Upper Valley of the Rocks, Valley of the Rocks, Watersmeet

#### **3. South Molton**

1. To accept and adopt the changes to the terminology, definitions and scale of charges as shown in Appendix B.

#### **Morteohoe**

2. No changes to accept or adopt.

## **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. The charges were last reviewed in March 2023, over the last two years the impact from inflation has increased annual running costs on the Council budget.
- 5.2. The changes and review of car park charges for Barnstaple, Ilfracombe,, Lynton & Lynmouth and South Molton will increase revenue by an estimated £357,000 which would be factored into the 2025/26 revenue budget..
- 5.3. The proposed changes will also bring car parks across all town and parishes in line with each other to ensure consistency and fairness across North Devon.

## **6. EQUALITIES ASSESSMENT**

There are no equalities implications anticipated as a result of this report.

## **7. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

There are no environmental implications anticipated as a result of this report.

## **8. CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

8.1. What impact, positive or negative, does the subject of this report have on:

8.1.1 The commercialisation agenda:

The changes to Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Lynton & Lynmouth and South Molton charges and car parks will increase revenue for NDC, offset by ongoing increased running costs and also aims to incentivise use of the Seven Brethren Long Stay car park, keeping the Tarka car park available to Leisure Centre users.

8.1.2. Improving customer focus:

The Seven Brethren Long Stay car park will remain on the Barnstaple Long Stay permit in consideration of existing users as well as the creation of a permit specifically for the Seven Brethren Long Stay car park itself. The removal of the Rolle Quay reserved bays will increase the availability for Pay & Display car park users.

8.1.3. Regeneration or economic development:

Consistency of charges across all areas to ensure fairness..

## **9. CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT**

- 9.1. Article of Part 3 Annexe 1 paragraph: 1
- 9.2. Delegated power

## **10. STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY**

This report contains no confidential information or exempt information under the provisions of Schedule 12A of 1972 Act.



## **11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

(a) North Devon (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2024

(b) North Devon (Off Street Parking Places) (amended) Order 2024

## **12. STATEMENT OF INTERNAL ADVICE**

The author (below) confirms that advice has been taken from all appropriate Councillors and Officers:

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Appendix A – Attached full copy of North Devon (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2025

Appendix B – Attached summary of current and proposed new charges