# NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

# Environment and Highways Cabinet Board 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport D. W. Griffiths

#### **Matter for Decision**

Wards Affected: Neath North, Port Talbot

#### Parking Review 2015-16

#### Purpose of Report

To seek Members' approval to amend the current off-street parking tariffs.

To change Milland Road to a short stay car park.

To agree the Christmas parking arrangements for 2015.

#### **Executive Summary**

This report sets out amendments to the off-street tariff structure in the short stay car parks in Neath and Port Talbot centres; to increase usage and footfall in the car parks. The report also sets out proposals to change Milland Road car park from a long stay to a short stay and to consider free Christmas car parking over the festive season.

# Background

#### Off-street tariff Structure

Members will be aware that the Authority last changed the off-street parking tariffs in 2014.

Since that tariff change officers and elected Members have received a number of stakeholders requests that the tariff structure be revisited in order to attract more trade in to the town centres.

Set out below is the current off-street tariff structure, together with the proposed reduced charges.

	<u>Current</u>	<b>Proposed</b>
Up to 1 hour	£1.30	£1.00
1-2 hours	£1.80	£1.50
2-3 hours	£2.30	£2.00
3-4 hours	£2.80	£2.50
All Day	£3.30	£3.00

It is proposed to trial the change in tariff structure for a limited 12 month period. Should the Authority see no increased use of the car parks during this period, then it is intended to revert back to the current tariff structure in 2017.

#### Milland Road Car Park

Stakeholders have also requested if it would be possible to change the current operating regime in Milland Road car park from long stay to short stay. They have indicated that businesses in the southern end of Neath are suffering as there is no short stay provision in the area. This can be implemented and it should be noted that motorists will still be able to purchase multiple days parking in this car park and an all-day ticket.

#### Christmas Car Parking

It was agreed last year that the Council offer free car parking in all the Authority's pay and display car parks as well as the pay-on-exit car park at Milland Road from Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2014 inclusive.

It is proposed that this year the Council offer extended free car parking to include two days after Christmas; from Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2015 inclusive.

Members will be aware that consultation is currently ongoing as part of the wider FFP proposals with regard to the withdrawal of free Christmas car parking from 2016 onwards.

#### **Financial Impact**

There will be a 30p per hour reduction across the schedule of charges in short stay off street car parks in Neath and Port Talbot town centres.

Free Christmas parking last year equated to a loss of income of circa £20,000 for the whole of Neath and Port Talbot CBC car parks.

Lost car park income has to be absorbed by the consolidated parking management account.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

A screening assessment has been undertaken and there is no requirement for a full EIA.

#### Workforce Impact

There are no workforce implications.

#### Legal Impact

A legal order will be advertised and subject to there being no objections to the tariff changes proposed, then it is intended to implement them with immediate effect.

#### **Risk Management**

Members are advised that there is a risk element to the change in tariff structures should usage of the car parks fail to increase. Any potential loss of income would need to be absorbed by the parking account and will be limited to a 12 month trial period.

# Consultation

This item has been included in the Forward Work Programme and will be the subject to external consultation.

A legal order will be advertised and should any objections be received, these will be presented to a future Environment and Highways Scrutiny Committee for discussion before consideration by the Environment and Highways Board and a decision made.

# Recommendation(s)

It is recommended:-

- 1. The proposed tariff structures be advertised and subject to there being no objection, that the new tariff structure be implemented.
- 2. That Milland Road car park be changed from a long stay to a short stay car park.
- Free Christmas parking is agreed in Neath, Port Talbot and Pontardawe Pay and Display Car Parks from Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December inclusive.

# Reason for proposed Decision(s)

The introduction of the reduced tariff structure will encourage car park usage in the Neath and Port Talbot town centres.

Changing Milland Road car park to short stay will support businesses in the southern end of the town centre.

A period of free parking is likely to attract increased numbers of Christmas shoppers over the festive period.

# Implementation of Decision

The decision is an urgent one for immediate implementation, subject to the consent of the relevant Scrutiny Chair (and is therefore not subject to the call-in procedure.)

# Appendix

Appendix 1 – Schedule - Tariff Structure

# List of Background Papers

None

# **Officer Contact**

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Column 10	Bands	¥	A	Y
Column 9	Season Tickets	3 months - £100.00 6 months - £180.00 12 months - £315.00 12 months - £315.00	As above	As above
Column 8	Scale of Charges	Up to 1 hour £1.00 1-2 hours £1.50 3-4 hours £2.00 All Day £3.00 All Day £1.00	As above	As above
Column 7	<u>Maximum</u> <u>Period for</u> <u>which vehicle</u> <u>may wait</u>	10 hours 8 hours	As above	As above
Column 6	Hours of Operation of Parking Place	8.00am to 6.00pm 9.00am to 5.00pm	As above	As above
Column 5	Days of Operation of Parking Place	Monday to Saturday inclusive excluding day day Sunday	As above	As above
Column 4	<u>Classes of</u> <u>vehicle</u>	<ul> <li>(i) motor cars within</li> <li>provision of section 136 (2)</li> <li>(a) of the Act</li> <li>(a) of the Act</li> <li>(ii) motor cycles as defined in section 136(4)</li> <li>of the Act</li> <li>(iii) motor cycles</li> <li>of the Act</li> <li>(iii) motor cycles</li> <li>as defined in section 136(4)</li> <li>of the Act</li> <li>(i) motor cycles</li> <li>as defined in section 136(4)</li> <li>of the Act</li> <li>(i) motor cycles</li> <li>as defined in section 136(4)</li> <li>of the Act</li> <li>(i) motor cycles</li> <li>as defined in section 136(4)</li> <li>of the Act</li> <li>(ii) motor cycles</li> <li>conveyance of goods or buden</li> <li>the unladen</li> <li>weight of which does not exceed</li> <li>1525kg</li> <li>(v) invalid</li> <li>(iv) invalid</li> <li>(iv) invalid</li> <li>(iv) disabled</li> <li>persons</li> <li>vehicles</li> </ul>	As above	As above
Column 3	Position in which vehicles may wait	Wholly within a parking bay other than a disabled parking space applies to (i) to (iii) of (i) to (iii) of herein. Wholly within a parking space applies to (iv) & (v) of column 4 herein.	As above	As above
Column 2	Date at which the order will come into effect in relation to parking place	1" February 2016	As above	As above
Column 1	Name of the Parking Place	St Mary's Car Park Port Talbot	Bethany Square Car Park Port Talbot	Multi-storey Car Park Port Talbot

SCHEDULE

# Appendix 1

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As above	As above	As above	10 hours	8 hours	15 hour period	As above	As above	10 hours
As above	As above	As above	8.00am to 6.00pm	9.00am to 5.00pm	7.00am to 10.00pm	As above	As above	8.00am to 6.00pm
As above excluding Tuesday and Saturday	Monday to Sunday inclusive excluding Christmas day	Monday to Saturday inclusive excluding Christmas Day	Saturday	Sunday	Monday to Sunday inclusive 1ª May-29 <sup>th</sup> September	As above	As above	Monday to Saturday inclusive excluding Christmas Day
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Station Road Car Park Port Talbot	Harbourside - Parkway Car Park Port Talbot	Heibron Way Car Park Port Talbot	Civic Centre Car Park Port Talbot		Ocean Way Car Park Port Talbot	Bay View Car Park Port Talbot	Scarlet Avenue Car Park Port Talbot	Multi-storey Car Park Neath

				Sunday	9.00am to 5.00pm	8 hours	£1.00 All Day		
Rosser Street Car Park Neath	As above	As above	As above	As above	As Above	As Above	As above	As above	A
High Street Car Park Neath	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	A
Milland Road Car Park Neath	As above	As above	As above	Monday to Sunday inclusive excluding Christmas day	As above	As above	As Above	As above	V
Herbert Street (Upper) Car Park Pontardawe	As above	As above	As above	Monday to Saturday inclusive excluding Christmas Day	8.00am to 6.00pm	10 hours	Up to 1 hour Free 2-3 hours £0.50 3-4 hours £2.00 All Day £3.00	3 months - £100.00 6 months - £180.00 9 months - £250.00 12 months - £315.00	N/A
Herbert Street (Lower) Car Park Pontardawe	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	N/A
High Street Car Park Pontardawe	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	N/A
By-Pass Car Park Short Stay Pontardawe	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	N/A
By-Pass Car Park Long Stay Pontardawe	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	Flat rate £2.00	As above	N/A