

Impact Assessment - First Stage

1. Details of the initiative

Initiative description and summary: Parking Review Off-street Charging, Permits Christmas car parking and Seafront car parking.
Service Area: Parking Services
Directorate: Environment

2. Does the initiative affect:

	Yes	No
Service users	✓	
Staff		✓
Wider community		✓
Internal administrative process only		✓

3. Does the initiative impact on people because of their:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't Know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence)/How might it impact?
Age		✓				The impacts will only affect car park users and permit holders
Disability	✓				L	The impacts will only affect car park users and permit holders. There have been a number of tariff increases since the authority made the decision to remove the concession in its car parks for blue badge holders. It is acknowledged that the cost increase may have a low impact on some blue badge holders/disabled drivers. This could be mitigated against by allowing disabled badge holder's additional time on top of what they purchase. This option will be explored in the parking options report.

Gender Reassignment		✓				The impacts will only affect car park users and permit holders
Marriage/Civil Partnership		✓				The impacts will only affect car park users and permit holders
Pregnancy/Maternity		✓				The impacts will only affect car park users and permit holders
Race		✓				The impacts will only affect car park users and permit holders
Religion/Belief		✓				The impacts will only affect car park users and permit holders
Sex		✓				The impacts will only affect car park users and permit holders
Sexual orientation		✓				The impacts will only affect car park users and permit holders

4. Does the initiative impact on:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence used) / How might it impact?
People's opportunities to use the Welsh language		✓				We have upgraded all our pay and display machines to conform with the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015
Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English		✓				We have upgraded all our pay and display machines to conform with the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015

5. Does the initiative impact on biodiversity:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence) / How might it impact?
To maintain and enhance biodiversity		✓				Any changes from the review will not increase the amount of vehicles using our car parks; any current biodiversity levels will not be affected.
To promote the resilience of ecosystems, i.e. supporting protection of the wider environment, such as air quality, flood alleviation, etc.		✓				Any changes from the review will not increase the amount of vehicles using our car parks; any existing ecosystems will not be affected.

6. Does the initiative embrace the sustainable development principle (5 ways of working):

	Yes	No	Details
Long term - how the initiative supports the long term well-being of people	✓		Changes in fees and charges seek to address the outstanding maintenance issues in the car parks and to sustain the service by reducing budget pressures; e.g. increased energy costs and security to meet extended operational hours. Ensuring our car parks remain operational allowing our environment to be enjoyed by future generations.
Integration - how the initiative impacts upon our wellbeing objectives	✓		Changes in fees and charges seek to address the outstanding maintenance issues of the car parks and to sustain the service by reducing budget pressures and ensuring our car parks remain operational to ensure

			sustainable communities to access leisure, heritage, culture and education, health and retail facilities.
Involvement - how people have been involved in developing the initiative	✓		A member and officer scrutiny task and finish group was established to review the options paper in response to the council's budget setting process with regards to generating additional £200k of income from parking fees and charges.
Collaboration - how we have worked with other services/organisations to find shared sustainable solutions	✓		We will be working closely with the authority's town centre manager, traffic section and legal services.
Prevention - how the initiative will prevent problems occurring or getting worse	✓		Changes in fees and charges seek to address the outstanding maintenance issues of the car parks and to sustain the service by reducing budget pressures and ensuring our car parks remain operational.

7. Declaration - based on above assessment (tick as appropriate):

A full impact assessment (second stage) is not required	✓
Reasons for this conclusion	
There is no reason for a full integrated impact assessment as the initiatives will only car park users residents parking permit holders. There is no obligation on members of public to utilise our car parks or purchase a permit.	

A full impact assessment (second stage) is required	
Reasons for this conclusion	

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