

**Report to:** Lead Member for Transport and Environment

**Date of meeting:** 3 April 2020

**By:** Director of Communities, Economy and Transport

**Title:** Parking Charges

**Purpose:** To consider whether to delay the introduction of parking charge increases

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:** The Lead Member is recommended to approve the delay to the introduction of parking charge increases until 1 July 2020.

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## **1.0 Background**

1.1 The Lead Member for Transport and Environment has asked that the proposed increases in on-street car parking charges that were intended to come into force on 27<sup>th</sup> April should be deferred in the wake of the covid-19 situation.

1.2 The proposed increases in on-street pay and display tariffs and permit charges would have generated revenues of approx. £2.0m.

1.3 Irrespective of whether the increases are introduced or delayed, the Authority might expect to see a general downturn in footfall coming into the towns and villages and a corresponding drop in parking revenue from pay and display and permits. The parking team has modelled a 10%, 30% and 50% downturn in footfall which could result in a loss of revenue ranging between £460k and £2.3m depending on the level of downturn and length of time.

1.4 If the increases to Pay & Display tariffs are deferred by 1, 2, 3 and 6 months the loss of additional revenue could range from £150k to £920k, in addition to those figures above.

1.5 If the increases in permit charges are similarly deferred by 1, 2, 3 and 6 months the loss of revenue could range between £13k and £80k, in addition to the figures above.

1.6 It is not easy to fully assess the full financial impact of deferring the increases as the revenues are directly related to footfall and the impact of social-distancing.

## **2.0 Conclusion and Recommendation**

2.1 The Lead Member is recommended to approve the deferral of the introduction of the proposed increases in on-street parking charges until 1 July 2020.

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LOCAL MEMBERS

All members whose electoral divisions are within areas with on-street parking charges in Eastbourne and Hastings Borough and Lewes District.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None