

ANGUS COUNCIL

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PARKING REVIEW - UPDATE

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE

ABSTRACT

This report presents the findings of the Parking Review Member Officer Working Group (MOWG).

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) notes the summary analysis of the public survey on arrangements for on- and off-street car parking in Angus as detailed in this report;
- (ii) considers the findings of the Parking Review Member Officer Working Group presented in this report; and
- (iii) determines whether to retain the existing 30 minute on-street parking duration or change the duration to either 45 or 60 minutes.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/COUNCIL PLAN

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Council Plan 2019-2024 and Community Plan 2017-2030:

- an inclusive and sustainable economy;
- a reduced carbon footprint;
- safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities; and
- an enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Report Nos. 211/20 and 243/20 detail the re-establishment of the Parking Review Member Officer Working Group (MOWG) to review car parking.
- 3.2 The results of the public survey instructed by the MOWG were reported to Communities Committee of 23 February 2021 (reference Report No. 41/21, Schedule 1).

4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 As reported to Communities Committee in February 2021, the MOWG met on 17 March 2021 to develop options for change. This report presents the options that the MOWG found that merit consideration for change, in light of the analysis of the results of the public survey, which are also presented in this report.
- 4.2 In considering options for on- and off-street parking in Angus, the MOWG undertook two main activities to consult with the public, communities and businesses: a Focus Group and a Public Survey.
- 4.3 The aim of the Focus Group was to seek to establish a full range of options on which to consult with the public. The options considered at the Focus Group ranged from returning to free parking in all Angus Council car parks to maintaining the existing tariffs when charging returns to increasing charges and income from car parking. The range of options presented to the Focus Group is shown in **Appendix 1**. Invitations were issued to Community Councils and business groups across Angus. Representatives from the following organisations took part in the Focus Group vis MS Teams meeting on 17 November 2020.

- Angus Tourism Co-operative;
- Carnoustie Community Development Trust;
- Dundee and Angus Chamber of Commerce;
- Forfar Retailers;
- Inveresk Community Council;
- KALBA (Kirriemuir and Local Business Association);
- Kirriemuir Community Council;
- Monikie & Newbigging Community Council;
- The City of Brechin & District Community Council;
- The Royal Burgh of Arbroath Community Council; and
- The Royal Burgh of Forfar Community Council.

4.4 A public survey from 1 – 15 December 2020 was undertaken using an online platform. In addition, paper copies of the survey were available for collection and submission at local libraries, following COVID-19 restrictions. 3,097 responses were received. The results of the survey were reported to Communities Committee of 23 February 2021 (reference Report No. 41/21, Schedule 1).

4.5 The analysis of the survey results shows the following preferences of respondents for on- and off-street car parking in Angus:

- Clear preference for the extension of on-street parking duration from 30 minutes to either 45 or 60 minutes;
 - 60 minutes was ranked first by 51%, second by 10% and third by 38%
 - 45 minutes was ranked first by 24%, second by 73% and third by 2%
 - 30 minutes was ranked first by 27%, second by 15% and third by 58%
- 72% first preference is for FREE in long-stay car parks;
- 74% first preference is for FREE in short-stay car parks;
- Next best preference in long-stay car parks is for First hour free, £1 for 1-4 hours, £2 for 4+ hours OR First 2 hours FREE then £2 for 2+ hours; and
- Next best preference in short-stay car parks is for First 2 hours FREE then £2 for 2+ hours.

4.6 The summary analysis of the results from each response is as follows:

- Q1. Do you live in Angus?**
97% (of respondents) live in Angus.
- Q2. Do you work in Angus?**
64% work in Angus.
- Q3. How often have you parked in on-street bays in Angus over the last two years?**
56% have parked on-street more than once per week on average; 5% have never parked in on-street bays.
- Q4. How often have you parked in off-street car parks in Angus between 8.30 am and 5.30 pm over the last two years?**
41% have parked off-street more than once per week on average; 15% have never paid to park off-street.
- Q5. How often have you used the Angus Pay to Park website for off-street car parking?**
79% have never used Angus Pay to Park.
- Q6. What parking permits have you purchased for off-street car parking in Angus?**
96% have never bought a parking permit; most who had paid for a parking permit responded to survey in first two days.
- Q7. Please rank in order of preference the duration of waiting for on-street parking bays in Angus you would like to see.**
45min (2.22) on-street duration slightly preferred to 60min (2.13).
- Q8. Please rank in order of preference the tariffs for long-stay off-street car parking in Angus you would like to see.**
72% (5.66) first preference is for FREE in long-stay car parks; next best preferences (4.83/4.82) are for 'First hour free, £1 for 1-4 hours, £2 for 4+ hours' and 'First 2 hours free, £2 for 2+ hours'.
- Q9. Please rank in order of preference the tariffs for short-stay off-street car parking in Angus you would like to see.**
74% (4.15) first preference is for FREE in short-stay car parks; next best preference (3.32) is 'First 2 hours free, £2 for 2-4 hours maximum stay'.

Q10. Please rank in order of preference parking permits for all off-street car parks in Angus you would like to see.

Clear preference for £160 all car park permit.

Q11. Please rank in order of preference parking permits for all long-stay off-street car parks in a single named Angus Burgh town only you would like to see.

Clear preference for £80 Burgh long-stay car park only permit.

Q12. Which parking permit would you prefer to purchase?

87% would not purchase a parking permit.

- 4.7 There was consensus at the MOWG meeting of 17 March 2021 that the preference in the public survey for off-street car parking to be free at the point of use has been addressed by the decision to suspend off-street car parking tariffs until 31 March 2022 at the earliest, which was made at the Special Angus Council Budget Setting meeting on 4 March 2021. It was acknowledged by the MOWG that a further decision on off-street car parking charges from 1 April 2022 onwards would need to be made in due course. The MOWG considered that such a decision would be properly left to the Budget Setting process for 2022/23.
- 4.8 The majority view of the MOWG meeting of 17 March 2021 was that there was a clear preference for the duration of on-street parking to be longer than the current 30 minutes. The MOWG did not reach a consensus on whether the duration should be extended to 45 or 60 minutes or left at the current duration of 30 minutes.
- 4.9 The MOWG did discuss whether the on-street durations may differ across the Angus Burghs. The MOWG agreed that it would be most appropriate for clarity and operationally that a single on-street duration across Angus would be preferred.
- 4.10 The MOWG felt that it would be most appropriate for a decision on the choice of 30, 45 or 60 minute on-street car parking durations agreed by the full Council.
- 4.11 As reported previously (reference Report No. 243/20), the estimated timescale for implementation of any changes to on-street parking is 6 months. This is to allow for the necessary Traffic Order and signage changes. This would see any new on-street durations, if approved, coming into force potentially in November 2021 or thereafter.

5. PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The MOWG has given consideration to the findings of the Focus Group and public survey for on- and off-street parking in Angus Council.
- 5.2 It is proposed that full Council makes the determination on the choice of 30, 45 or 60 minute on-street car parking durations.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The decision to extend the suspension of off-street charges in Angus Council Pay to Park to 31 March 2022 was made by the Special Angus Council at the Budget Setting meeting on 4 March 2021. There are no further financial implications in relation to this aspect arising from this report.
- 6.2 There is no evidence to indicate that changing the duration of on-street parking from 30 minutes to 45 or 60 minutes would lead to a change in the number of infringements of parking durations that lead to the issuing of a Parking Charge Notice. No allowance for a change to this fine collection is therefore considered to apply.
- 6.3 The costs of implementing any change to the duration of free on-street parking would be £20,000. This would include the cost of processing Traffic Orders and installing new signage.
- 6.4 The above cost would be contained in existing budgets for Orders and signage held by the Roads & Transportation service for 2021/22 including the Car Park trading account.

7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed for this report – see **Appendix 2**.
- 7.2 The Assessment concludes that there are either no impact, neutral impact or positive impact on protected characteristic groups for the proposals contained in this report.

NOTE: The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:

Report No. 41/21, Schedule 1 Parking Review, Communities Committee 23 February 2021
Report No. 243/20 – Parking Review, Communities Committee 29 September 2020;
Report No. 211/20 - Proposed revisions to the Council's 2020/21 general fund revenue budget and final revenue budget documents – Angus Council 10 September 2020

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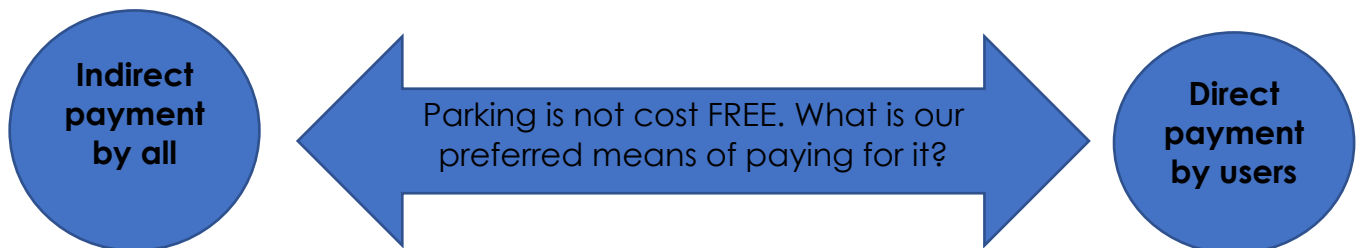
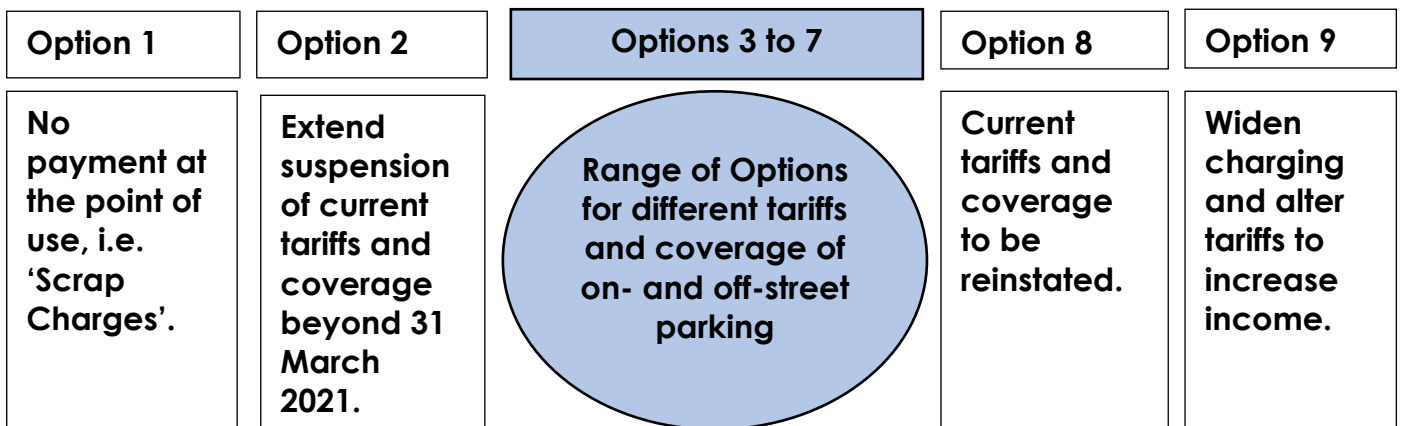
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Appendix 1 - Options presented to the Focus Group

Appendix 2 - Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment

Options presented to the Focus Group





Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment Form

Step 1

Name of Proposal (includes e. g. budget savings, committee reports, strategies, policies, procedures, service reviews, functions): Parking Review Committee Report

Step 2

Is this only a **screening** Equality Impact Assessment Yes/No

(A) If Yes, please choose from the following options **all** reasons why a full EIA/FSD is not required:

(i) It does not impact on people Yes/No

(ii) It is a percentage increase in fees which has no differential impact on protected characteristics Yes/No

(iii) It is for information only Yes/No

(iv) It is reflective e.g. of budget spend over a financial year Yes/No

(v) It is technical Yes/No

If you have answered yes to any of points above, please go to **Step 16**, and sign off the Assessment.

(B) If you have answered No to the above, please indicate the following:

Is this a full Equality Impact Assessment Yes/No

Is this a Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment Yes/No

If you have answered Yes to either or both of the above, continue with Step 3.

If your proposal is a **strategy** please ensure you complete Step 13 which is the Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment.

Step 3

(i) Lead Directorate/Service:

Infrastructure/Road & Transportation

(ii) Are there any **relevant** statutory requirements affecting this proposal? If so, please describe.

Changes to the on-street parking durations will required Traffic Regulation Orders, which have statutory requirements.

(iii)What is the aim of the proposal? Please give full details.

To consider extending the duration of parking in marked on-street bays from 30 minutes to 45 or 60 minutes.

(iv)Is it a new proposal? ~~Yes~~/No Please indicate OR

Is it a review of e.g. an existing budget saving, report, strategy, policy, service review, procedure or function? Yes/~~No~~ Please indicate

This is a review of the current on- and off-street car parking, which has been reported previously (reference Report Nos. 243/20)

Step 4: Which people does your proposal involve or have consequences for?

Please indicate all which apply:

Employees Yes/~~No~~

Job Applicants ~~Yes~~/No

Service users Yes/~~No~~

Members of the public Yes/~~No~~

Step 5: List the evidence/data/research that has been used in this assessment (links to data sources, information etc which you may find useful are in the Guidance). This could include:

Internal data (e.g. customer satisfaction surveys; equality monitoring data; customer complaints).

Reference Report No. 41/21, Schedule 1 for public survey on parking gave preference for extending on-street parking durations from 30 to either 45 or 60 minutes.

Internal consultation (e.g. with staff, trade unions and any other services affected).

N/A.

External data (e.g. Census, equality reports, equality evidence finder, performance reports, research, available statistics)

N/A.

External consultation (e.g. partner organisations, national organisations, community groups, other councils.

Focus Group was used to assist in the development of the public parking survey.

Other (general information as appropriate).

The review has been undertaken by a Member Officer Working Group.

Step 6: Evidence Gaps.

Are there any gaps in the equality information you currently hold? ~~Yes~~/No

If yes, please state what they are, and what measures you will take to obtain the evidence you need.

Step 7: Are there potential differential impacts on protected characteristic groups? Please complete for each group, including details of the potential impact on those affected. Please remember to take into account any particular impact resulting from **Covid-19**.

Please state if there is a potentially positive, negative, neutral or unknown impact for each group. Please state the reason(s) why.

Age

Impact: Neutral to positive benefit as additional on-street parking duration may make parking more accessible to elderly people.

Disability

Impact: Neutral to positive benefit as additional on-street parking duration may make parking more accessible to people with disabilities. Blue Badge holders who would be unaffected.

Gender reassignment

Impact: No impact

Marriage and Civil Partnership

Impact: No impact

Pregnancy/Maternity

Impact: Neutral to positive benefit as additional on-street parking duration may make parking more accessible to people in this protected characteristic group.

Race - (includes Gypsy Travellers)

Impact: No impact

Religion or Belief

Impact: No impact

Sex

Impact: No impact

Sexual orientation

Impact: No impact

Step 8: Consultation with any of the groups potentially affected

If you have consulted with any group potentially affected, please give details of how this was done and what the results were.

No specific protected characteristic groups were consulted.

If you have not consulted with any group potentially affected, how have you ensured that you can make an informed decision about mitigating action of any negative impact (Step 9)?

A Focus Group of community and business groups were consulted, as part of the Member Officer Working Group that led to the public survey.

Step 9: What mitigating steps will be taken to remove or reduce potentially negative impacts?

Impacts are either neutral or positive.

Step 10: If a potentially negative impact has been identified, please state below the justification.

N/A.

Step 11: In what way does this proposal contribute to any or all of the public sector equality duty to: eliminate unlawful discrimination; advance equality of opportunity; and foster good relations between people of different protected characteristics?

Neutral or no contribution.

Step 12: Is there any action which could be taken to advance equalities in relation to this proposal?

There are positive impacts that would advance equalities.

Step 13: FAIRER SCOTLAND DUTY

This step is only applicable to **strategies** which are key, high level decisions. If your proposal is **not** a strategy, please leave this Step blank, and go to Step 14.

Links to data sources, information etc which you may find useful are in the Guidance.

Step 13(A) What evidence do you have about any socio-economic disadvantage/inequalities of outcome in relation to this strategic issue?

Step 13(B) Please state if there are any gaps in socio-economic evidence for this strategy and how you will take measures to gather the evidence you need.

Step 13(C) Are there any potential impacts this strategy may have specifically on the undernoted groupings? Please remember to take into account any particular impact resulting from **Covid-19**.

Please state if there is a potentially positive, negative, neutral or unknown impact for each grouping.

Low and/or No Wealth (e.g. those with enough money to meet basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future).

Impact

Material Deprivation (i.e. those unable to access basic goods and services e.g. repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure and hobbies).

Impact

Area Deprivation (i.e. where people live (e.g. rural areas), or where they work (e.g. accessibility of transport)).

Impact

Socio-economic Background i.e. social class including parents' education, people's employment and income.

Impact

Other – please indicate

Step 13(D) Please state below if there are measures which could be taken to reduce socio-economic disadvantage/inequalities of outcome.

Step 14: What arrangements will be put in place to monitor and review the Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment?

No formal arrangements other than addressing reported impacts.

Step 15: Where will this Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment be published?

As an appendix to this Committee Report at Angus Council website: angus.gov.uk

Step 16: Sign off and Authorisation. Please state name, post, and date for each:

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