

Subject:	Parking Annual Report 2020-21		
Date of Meeting:	19 January 2022		
Report of:	Executive Director Economy, Environment & Culture		
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FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 To note and approve the publication of the Parking Annual Report April 2020 to March 2021 on the performance of Parking Services for general publication under the provisions of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Environment Transport and Sustainability Committee endorses the publication of the Parking Annual Report for 2020/21 under the provisions of the Traffic Management Act 2004
- 2.2 That the Environment Transport and Sustainability Committee authorises the Head of Parking Services to produce and publish the report, which will be made available on the Council's website.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 All Parking Annual Reports are available to view on the council website. This report contains a review on what has happened within the City Council's Parking Services over the past financial year and includes an overview of the financial accounts in accordance with legislation.
- 3.2 Last year's report won a Special Consistent Excellence Award at the PATROL (Parking and Traffic Outside London) awards for producing high quality reports year on year.
- 3.3 The 2020/21 report will include information that:
- Over the reported year the number of Penalty Charge Notices issued decreased from 124,248 in 2019/20 to 101,244 in 2020/21. The decrease of 23,004 Penalty Charge Notices was mainly due to the impact of the pandemic.
 - On and off street parking income declined significantly directly as a result of the pandemic and lockdown

- The number of Bus Lane Penalty Charge Notices has increased from 53,822 in 2019/20 to 60,004 in 2020/21. The increase is due to the installation of several new bus lane cameras, five cameras in Valley Gardens which was fully enforceable from early 2021 and 12 cameras in various locations around the city.
- The funding from the Office for Low Emission Vehicles and a further investment from Electric Blue, has enabled us to install additional EV Charging Points. By 2020/21 we had installed 276 chargers and the first new fast EV chargers went live in September 2020
- Many resident permits, including all new applications since June 2021 are now on the new system linked to MyAccount. As of 1st July 2021, there were 37,784 residents permits on issue. (Annual Reports have to extract data for the previous financial year on 1st July following that financial year according to the guidance).
- Two new parking schemes were introduced in Parking zone U (Coombe Road area) and Parking zone X (South Portslade Area)
- The Disabled Car Users Group (DCUAG) was formed in Autumn 2020. The purpose of the DCUAG is to improve communications between Parking Services and disabled residents in the city.
- Initiatives to reduce toxic emissions and to become carbon neutral by 2030.

3.4 Income and expenditure appear in the tables below:

The council was successful in applying for a government support grant to assist with covering Covid income losses. The total surplus for the Council from parking income for 20/21 was £15,154,019, including money from the grant.

Income by source	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
On-street parking charges	£11,441,854	£11,558,889	£7,108,666
Permit Income	£9,589,716	£10,081,467	£8,743,901
Penalty Charge Notices (inclusive of bad debt provision)	£5,832,784	£5,744,489	£4,268,051
Covid funding from central government	£0	£0	£5,136,520
Other	£95,985	£78,841	£74,615
Total	£26,960,340	£27,463,686	£25,331,753

Direct cost of civil parking enforcement	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Enforcement	£4,601,931	£4,928,865	£4,501,734
Admin, appeals, debt recovery and maintenance	£3,238,111	£3,528,637	£3,258,156
Scheme review or new schemes	£1,076,960	£1,239,479	£1,150,022
Capital charges	£1,261,186	£1,265,915	£1,267,822
Total	£10,178,188	£10,962,896	£10,177,734
Surplus after direct costs	£16,782,152	£16,500,790	£15,154,019
Total	£26,960,340	£27,463,686	£25,331,753

Spending supported by civil parking income surplus	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Concessionary fares	£10,796,363	£10,774,831	£10,535,684
Capital investment borrowing costs	£2,461,097	£2,362,653	£1,854,964
Supported bus services and other public transport services	£1,322,917	£1,216,309	£1,499,372
Contribution to eligible related expenditure	£2,201,744	£2,146,997	£1,263,998
Total	£16,782,152	£16,500,790	£15,154,018

Car park income

Year	Expenditure	Income	Net income /Expenditure
2018/19	3,548,394	6,535,468	2,987,074
2019/20	3,805,899	6,379,890	2,573,991
2020/21	3,485,708	*5,835,124	2,349,416

The surplus from Off Street parking has decreased by **£224,575** to **£2,349,416**. This is mainly due to Covid-19. Revenue is mostly from The Lanes, Trafalgar Street, London Road and Regency Square.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 No alternatives considered. It is a statutory requirement to produce a Parking Annual Report.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The publication of the Parking Annual Report 2020-21 is being used as an opportunity to inform and engage with the public and stakeholders on a range of parking issues

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The Report provides the public and stakeholders with information on the performance and aims and objectives of Parking Services and to meet the Council's legal obligations under the Traffic Management Act 2004.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 The costs associated with the production and publication of the Parking Annual Report are funded from existing revenue budgets within the city's Transport service. Financial information relating to the council's parking services are included within the Parking Annual Report

Finance Officer Consulted: John Lack

Date: 09/12/2021

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 The Council is required by statutory guidance issued by the Department for Transport under Section 87 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 to produce and publish an annual report within 6 months of the end of the financial year detailing financial and statistical information on its civil parking enforcement regime
- 7.3 Under Section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (Section 55) a local authority may only apply surplus income received from parking charges and penalty charges to specific purposes. The surplus income has to be applied first to the provision of off-street parking facilities and repayments of deficits to central funding. Once those requirements have been met, the use of surplus income is confined to the provision of public passenger transport services, highway or road maintenance, safety and improvement projects, environmental improvements or other purposes for which a prescribed authority may lawfully incur expenditure.

Lawyer Consulted: Hilary Woodward

Date: 8/12/21

Equalities Implications:

- 7.4 None identified

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.5 The report highlights successful bids for electric vehicle chargepoints and other initiatives to reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality

Social Value implications:

- 7.6 The Parking Annual Report includes information about the work of enforcement officers in delivering food daily to the homeless and other initiatives in response to the pandemic. The report also explains how the service is helping work towards a net carbon neutral city.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Parking Annual Report 2020-21

Background Documents

1. Previous Parking Annual Reports published on the council's website