



Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Time and Date

10.30 am on Wednesday, 6th January, 2021 (Please note time)

Place

This meeting will be held remotely. The meeting can be viewed live by pasting this link into your browser: <https://youtu.be/eCGafnQ5hYk>

Public Business

1. **Apologies and Substitutions**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 8)
 - (a) To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 November, 2020
 - (b) Matters Arising
4. **Consideration of Call in - Stage 2 - Introduction of Parking Charges at War Memorial Park - Consideration of Objections Following a Period of Consultation.** (Pages 9 - 24)

Briefing Note of the Director of Streetscene and Regulatory Services

The Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee will consider the call in indicated below. In accordance with the Constitution, at least one of those Members indicated must be in attendance at the meeting for consideration of their call in.

Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities – 3 December, 2020

Cabinet Member, Councillor A S Khan, who has been invited to attend this meeting.

The report of the Director of Streetscene and Regulatory Services is attached as Appendix B to the Briefing Note.

The Cabinet Member has agreed to:-

1. Consider the objections to the proposed introduction of parking charges.
2. Subject to Recommendation 1, approve the implementation of the charging structure at the War Memorial Park as detailed in Appendix 2 to this report, noting that this will be undertaken by making of the said variation Order

Decision called in by Councillor A Andrews, R Bailey and G Ridley

Their reason for the call in :-

“Whilst the principle of introducing charges at the War Memorial Park was approved at a meeting held on the 25th February 2020, the public consultation was not held until October 2020. At the Cabinet Member meeting held on December 2020, insufficient information and data was presented to the Cabinet Member in relation to the potential impact of displacement parking in local residential roads.

We would like to consider this matter in further depth including with officers from our highways team.”

5. **Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme and Outstanding issues 2020/2021** (Pages 25 - 28)

Report of the Director of Law and Governance

6. **Any Other Items of Public Business**

Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as a matter of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.

Private Business

Nil

Julie Newman, Director of Law and Governance, Council House Coventry

Monday, 21 December, 2020

- Notes:1) The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is Suzanne Bennett, Democratic Services, Council House, Coventry, telephone 76972299, alternatively E-mail: suzanne.bennett@coventry.gov.uk/liz.knight@coventry.gov.uk
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 - 3) Scrutiny Board Members who have an interest in any report referred to this

meeting, but who are not Members of this Committee, have been invited to notify the Chair by 12 noon on the day before the meeting that they wish to speak on a particular item. The Member must indicate to the Chair their reason for wishing to speak and the issue(s) they wish to raise.

Membership: Councillors N Akhtar (Chair), A Andrews, L Bigham, J Clifford, L Kelly (Deputy Chair), C Miks, G Ridley, K Sandhu and R Singh

By invitation Councillors A S Khan, R Bailey

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Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee held at 11.00 am on
Wednesday, 25 November 2020
This meeting was held remotely

Present:

Members: Councillor L Kelly (Deputy Chair)

Councillor A Andrews
Councillor L Bigham
Councillor J Clifford
Councillor C Miks
Councillor G Ridley
Councillor K Sandhu
Councillor R Singh

Apologies

Councillor N Akhtar
Councillor G Duggins
Martin Reeves, Chief Executive

Employees:

C Booth, Business, Investment and Culture
A Burn, Housing and Transformation
V Castree, Law and Governance
G Holmes, Law and Governance
D Nuttall, Business, Investment and Culture
G Quinton, Deputy Chief Executive
A Williams, Business, Investment and Culture

City of Culture 2021

Martin Sutherland, Chief Executive
Chenine Bhatthena, Creative Director

Public Business

37. Councillor L Bigham

Councillor L Kelly welcomed Cllr L Bigham on her appointment as Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4) Chair.

38. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosable declarations of interest.

The Committee noted that Councillor L Bigham was a member of the Advisory Panel for EnV, an organisation who are partners with Coventry City of Culture Trust.

39. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 November, 2020 were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

40. City of Culture 2021 – City Readiness

Martin Sutherland, Chief Executive of Coventry City of Culture Trust presented the committee with information about the plans for City of Culture 2021. The aim of the year would be that “We will reimagine the role of culture in a diverse, modern Britain, demonstrating that culture is a force that changes lives, moving Coventry and the region forward”. The presentation covered:

- Covid Impact and Response
- Programme information including
 - The Story of Coventry
 - Investing in Local Artists and the Sector
 - Celebrating our Difference
 - City Voices
 - Coventry is a Music City
- Six Months Milestones

Gail Quinton, Deputy Chief Executive of Coventry City Council and David Nuttall, Strategic Lead City of Culture, updated the committee on City Readiness. The presentation covered:

- Governance
- Capital Investment
- Public Realm Programme
- Cultural Capital Programme
 - Daimler Powerhouse Developments
 - Herbert Art Gallery and Museum
 - Belgrade Theatre Development
 - Draper’s Hall
 - St. Mary’s Guildhall
 - Unique Visitor Stay Places – Accommodation
 - Cathedral Project
 - The Box at Fargo
 - FarGo Village Remodel
 - Digital Gallery
 - Charterhouse – Heritage Visitor Attraction and Venue Development
 - Coventry Visitor Information Provision
- Wider Cultural and Heritage Capital Works

Following the presentation, Members raised a number of questions and issues, and received the following responses:

- The risks and threats to the capital and cultural programme were impossible to extract from the risks of Covid. The impact on capital projects and focusing on legacy were being managed closely. Also, the impact of Covid on vulnerable and excluded communities had brought the focus on inclusion even more to the fore.
- The London Rd Cemetery project would work with Historic Coventry to make sure that the stories of local heroes were included in this and the wider programme. There would be a call out to writers and storytellers for the cemetery project. A list would be circulated in the new year so any omission could be flagged to make sure all the key people are covered.

- Although The Walk project would focus on the story of unaccompanied child migrants there would be opportunities throughout the wider programme to recognise the history of immigration from around the world in the city
- The shared ticketing system had been tested with the ice rink at the Cathedral and had so far been a success. More widely joined up communications and What's On guide would be live from February 2021. Venues at the moment were firefighting and not announcing new events. There was a shared approach to communications across the City.
- The River of the World project was focused on SEND schools, but there would be a programme of other work with schools across the city which would be announced in the new year
- There were plans for public art. These may not be the traditional sculptures and statues. There were curators and other artists working with the public realm team to create fixtures in a functional way that would attract visitors to the city. There it was noted that there needed to be an understanding of how public art can create a lasting legacy. There would be more announcements in the new year.
- Work was being done on St Mary's tapestry to ensure that it could be brought to the forefront of the history of the Guildhall. Work on the reinterpretation would be connected to the digital offer and links with the tapestry in the Cathedral would be explored.
- The lasting legacy of the City of Culture would be considered in more detail at a future meeting and would focus not just on the capital projects but on the community as well. This would include the skills legacy through apprenticeships, volunteering, leadership programmes and neighbourhood collaborations. There would also be a growth in inward investment through increased visitor and tourism economy. The legacy would also include biodiversity and sustainability.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1) **The City of Culture 2021 Advisory Panel be requested to review;**
 - **Public art installations**
 - **Cross partnership digital communications**
- 2) **A future report be submitted to the Committee on the City of Culture to focus on legacy of the programme.**

41. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2020/21

The Committee considered and noted their Work Programme for 2020/21. They requested that an item on Brexit be considered at a future meeting at an appropriate time.

42. Any Other Items of Public Business

There were no items of urgent public business.

(Meeting closed at 12.10 pm)

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Call-in Briefing Note Public

To: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Date: 06 January 2021

Subject: Introduction of Parking Charges at War Memorial Park - – Consideration of Objections Following a Period of Consultation

1 The decision which is the subject of the Call-in and the reason for Call-in

- 1.1 The decision by Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities to grant permission for the Introduction of Parking Charges at War Memorial Park after Consideration of Objections Following a Period of Consultation was called in by Councillors Andrews, Bailey and Ridley.
- 1.2 The reasons given for the call-in, which has been validated, were as follows:

'Whilst the principle of introducing charges at the War Memorial Park was approved at a meeting held on the 25th February 2020, the public consultation was not held until October 2020. At the Cabinet Member meeting held on December 2020, insufficient information and data was presented to the Cabinet Member in relation to the potential impact of displacement parking in local residential roads.

We would like to consider this matter in further depth including with officers from our highways team.'

2 Background to the decision

- 2.1 Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities considered a report on 3rd December 2020 entitled 'Introduction of Parking Charges at War Memorial Park – Consideration of Objections Following a Period of Consultation'.
- 2.2 At the meeting, the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities was asked to consider the proposed introduction of parking charges, and subject to the consideration of the objections to approve the implementation of the charging structure at the War Memorial Park as detailed in the report, noting that this would be undertaken by making of the said Variation Order.
- 2.3 The Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities approved the implementation of the charging structure at the meeting following consideration of the objections.

3 Information relating to the call-in

- 3.1 Prior to the pandemic Leamington Road Car Park was frequently full by 8am during the working day by people parking their cars in this location and walking into work. This denied access by genuine park users and was a primary consideration in the decision to introduce charging for park car park use.

- 3.2 Leamington Road Car Park has a limit of 42 spaces it is estimated that the introduction of charges will free up 30 spaces for regular rotation. The average daily usage figures across all car parks is conservatively estimated at 525 cars. This figure was established through visual observations by officers based at the War Memorial Park and have been used for the purposes of establishing the charging model only and has not been formally recorded.
- 3.3 Highways parking enforcement have confirmed that they do not have any evidence of parking being historically displaced from the War Memorial Park onto surrounding streets through normal park use. Except for when the park is holding large events (e.g. the Godiva Festival), and these are separately enforced by traffic management.
- 3.4 During the Covid-19 pandemic, there have been instances where general park usage has been greater than the Car Park capacity on site. This has been managed by the providing security and traffic management during busy weekends. The parks service will continue with this process as long as is necessary.
- 3.5 As per the Cabinet Member meeting on the 3rd December The Head of Streetpride and Greenspaces has agreed a methodology for monitoring on street parking and traffic volumes for the park as follows:
- i. Prior to the car park charging going live three months of on street parking and traffic counting data will be collected by our highways team and their contracted numerators.
 - ii. A further period of data collection will take place for three months following the introduction of charging.
 - iii. In addition to the above the evidence from park users, Ward Members and the Friends of the War Memorial Park will be used to inform any report back to the Cabinet Member Policing and Equalities.
- 3.6 At this time significant vehicle displacement is not predicated. The tariff proposed has been carefully considered to minimise vehicle displacement. The reasons for this include:
1. Three hours free will be enough time for many visitors to enjoy a visit to the park before any charges would apply.
 2. Visitors to parks now expect to pay/are willing to pay a parking charge to visit as is the case for majority of major parks/attractions including those in neighbouring councils.
 3. The park car parks offer additional benefits such as added security to parking on street and proximity to the open spaces and attractions the park offers.
 4. Those persons parking all day benefiting currently from free parking will not all choose to park on local streets - some will choose to pay for day or use weekly pass option as detailed in the report; some will choose a car park nearer to city centre or some will take an alternative form of travel including greener transport such as cycling.
- 3.7 The attached plan (Appendix A) identifies those streets in the surrounding vicinity of the War Memorial Park which are covered by restrictions (colour code provided) and those not presently covered by restrictions (grey coloured streets). Those which are subject to parking restrictions have been identified with assistance from colleagues in Highways. As have the streets for potential displacement parking following the introduction of charges at the Park. Whilst all areas around the park will be monitored as per paragraph 3.5 above, attention will be given to roads where no parking restrictions are in place (those coloured grey). As these are likely to cause the most inconvenience to local residents.
- 3.8 Lead times for installation of system are likely to be between 8–12 weeks which will provide a good period to collect benchmark data prior to commencement of charging.

- 3.9 Once systems are installed these will provide an accurate ongoing data set including vehicle visitor numbers and average length of stay at each car park.
- 3.10 Where there is evidence of displacement, the authority can review the most viable solution. A summary of options is provided below:
- i. Restrictions which could be used to prevent displacement parking.
 - ii. No waiting restrictions – these can be 24/7 such as double yellow lines or part time such as preventing parking for an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon. However, these types of restrictions also apply to residents and their visitors. There is a legal process to installing waiting restrictions as they require a Traffic Regulation Order.
 - iii. Residents' parking/permit parking – these schemes require a vehicle to have a valid permit to be able to park. There is a CCC policy for the implementation of these schemes, which includes that at least 60% of households in a scheme area must be in favour of a scheme. The permits are not free, the residents must buy them.

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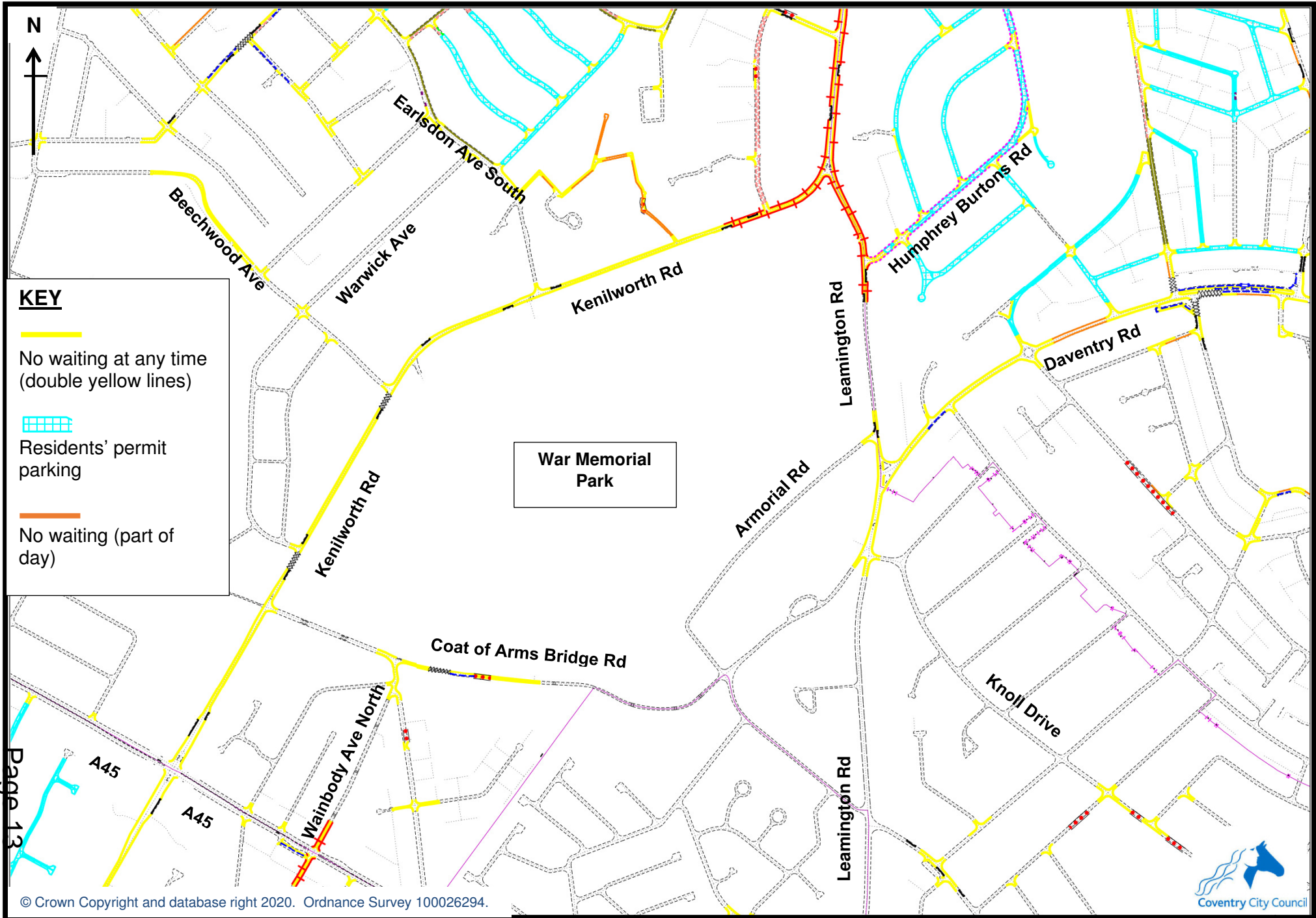
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Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities

3 December 2020

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities – Councillor A S Khan

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Director of Streetscene and Regulatory Services

Ward(s) affected:

Earlsdon

Title:

Introduction of Parking Charges at War Memorial Park – Consideration of Objections Following a Period of Consultation.

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

The off-street car parks at the War Memorial Park namely those at Leamington Road, Coat of Arms Bridge Road and Kenilworth Road, are often used by persons who are not necessarily visiting the park for the purposes of recreational activities which is the basis upon which the park is held. This therefore often presents an issue for park users in relation to the availability of car parking spaces. In the best interest of the War Memorial Park and its users, parking charges are proposed to be introduced. The principle of introducing charges at the said car parks were approved at a meeting held on the 25th February 2020, where the City Council's Cabinet met as the trustees of the War Memorial Park, on behalf of the City Council.

A Notice of Proposals setting out the Council's intention was advertised from 8th October – 29th October 2020. 18 objections were received (1 withdrawn), 1 letter of support and 2 comment/questions. This report details the objections received for consideration by the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities.

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities is recommended to:

1. Consider the objections to the proposed introduction of parking charges.
2. Subject to Recommendation 1, approve the implementation of the charging structure at the War Memorial Park as detailed in Appendix 2 to this report, noting that this will be undertaken by making of the said variation Order

List of Appendices included:

Appendix A – Location Maps

Appendix B – Summary of proposal, charges, objections, questions and responses

Background Papers

None

Other useful documents: Cabinet Report

Cabinet acting as Charitable Trustees for War Memorial Park - dated 25th February 2020

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 The off-street car parks at the War Memorial Park namely **Leamington Road, Coat of Arms Bridge Road** and **Kenilworth Road**, are often used by persons who are not necessarily visiting the park for the purposes of recreational activities which is the basis upon which the park is held. This often presents an issue for park users in relation to the availability of car parking spaces. In the best interest of the War Memorial Park and its users, parking charges are proposed to be introduced. The principle of introducing charges at the said car parks was approved at a Cabinet meeting held on the 25th February 2020. Delegated authority was granted to the Director of Streetscene and Regulatory Services following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities to finalise the charging structure including undertaking the appropriate due diligence and completion of any necessary legal process.
- 1.2 Car parking charges will apply to all three car parks associated with the War Memorial Park. Pay and Display machines are to be installed at Coat of Arms Bridge Road and Leamington Road car parks. A barriered pay on foot solution will be installed at the Kenilworth Road car park. The payment terminals required at the car parks are proposed to be cashless payment. Location plans are included in **Appendix A**.
- 1.3 The parking charges proposed include a 3hr period of free parking for all users of the car parks, followed by hourly incremental charges up to a maximum of £5. The proposed charges include a discounted tariff of £1 for users of the Park and Ride facility who stay over the 3hr free period. The full proposed tariff is included in **Appendix B**.
- 1.4 The Council holds the legal title to the War Memorial Park by virtue of a Conveyance dated 27 January 1921. The land was transferred to the Council to be held and maintained by the Corporation and its successors as a public park for the people or for use for Agricultural Shows Flower Shows or similar purposes with a right to charge for admission'. The wording of this conveyance clearly settled the land (including the War Memorial Park) on charitable trust and as such the City Council is now the sole corporate trustee of the Trust.
- 1.5 Any income received from any agreement can only be used toward furthering the purpose upon which the charity was provided and cannot be used for the local authority's general purposes. Any income received from the asset must be kept separate from that of the Council and accounted for separately.
- 1.6 Any net consideration (once the costs of implementation and administration have been deducted) received for War Memorial Park car parking will enable the park to move towards being maintained on a financially self-sufficient basis and as such will contribute to long term enhancement of the park.
- 1.7 In order for the Council to impose charges and carry out necessary enforcement action the car parks need to be added to the OSPO by a variation order namely 'City of Coventry (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2005 (War Memorial Park Car Parks)(Variation) Order 2020.
- 1.8 As part of the above procedures, the Notice of Proposals was advertised in the Coventry Telegraph on 8th October 2020 advising of the proposed variation order and setting out that any formal objections to the making of the order should be made in writing by 29th October 2020. Notices were also placed in all the car parks associated with this proposal and public notice boards throughout the park. A copy of the Notice, the Statement of Reasons, draft order and identifying plans were made available for inspection on the Council's website.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

2.1 The number of objections received was 18 with 1 withdrawn. In addition, 1 response in support of proposals and 2 comments/questions were also received. The objections to the proposals, responses to the objections, details of support and recommendations from responders are summarised in the tables in **Appendix B**.

2.2 In considering the objections received, the options are to:

- i) Introduce the charges which is recommended
- ii) Not introduce the charges and continue with use of the facilities free of charge, however this will mean the car park will continue be utilised people not visiting the park to the detriment of genuine park users and is therefore not recommended.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

The Council carried out its annual budget consultation for 20/21 between December 2019 and 15 January 2020, when it was proposed to stop free parking at the War Memorial Park. However, the Local Authority received considerable feedback asking that park and recreational users were not penalised.

The Council altered its proposal and suggested a scheme where visitors could park for free for up to three hours parking. This was agreed by councillors at the Council's budget setting meeting on Tuesday 25 February

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3.1 The responses received were:

- 18 objections were received (1 objection was withdrawn).
- 1 response in support of proposals.
- 2 comments/questions.

Appendix B details a summary of the objections received and number of, including any letters of support or comments/questions also received, and a response to the objections raised. Copies of the content of the objections can be made available on request.

A copy of this report will be sent to all objectors and any further comments received in relation to the proposal will be reported verbally at the meeting.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

4.1 Subject to approval It is proposed to proceed with the introduction of charging early 2021.

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Comments from the Director of Law and Governance

5.1 Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from this Consultation exercise. The income raised will pay for the costs associated with the installation of the barriers and payment machines. It is also anticipated that c£120k pa (net) income will be achieved which will be used to enable the Park towards being maintained on a financially self-sufficient basis.

5.2 Legal implications:

Pursuant to sections 32 to 35 and 46A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act (RTRA) 1984, the Council has statutory powers to charge for the use of off-street parking places and can by Order regulate and charge for the use of these parking places. Off-street Parking facilities in Coventry are regulated by the City of Coventry (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2005 (OSPO).

In order to impose charges and carry out necessary enforcement action the car parks must be added to the OSPO by variation order namely 'City of Coventry (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2005 (War Memorial Park Car Parks) (Variation) Order 2020. Completion of the variation order and installation of the necessary equipment on site will see charging able to commence.

6. Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to the Council Plan

The introduction of car parking charges will ensure that the War Memorial Car Parks remain available for park and recreational users. Net revenue raised will assist in making the War Memorial Park more financially self-sufficient, thereby protecting investment for the medium term.

6.2 How is risk being managed

None

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation

There are no identified impacts on the organisation as the introduction of car parking charges will generate income for the War Memorial Park which can be reinvested into the better enhanced use of the War Memorial Park by residents of the city

6.4 Equalities / EIA

An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed.

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) Climate Change and the Environment

None

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

The City Council will work with the Friend of the War Memorial Park on the introduction of Car Parking charges.

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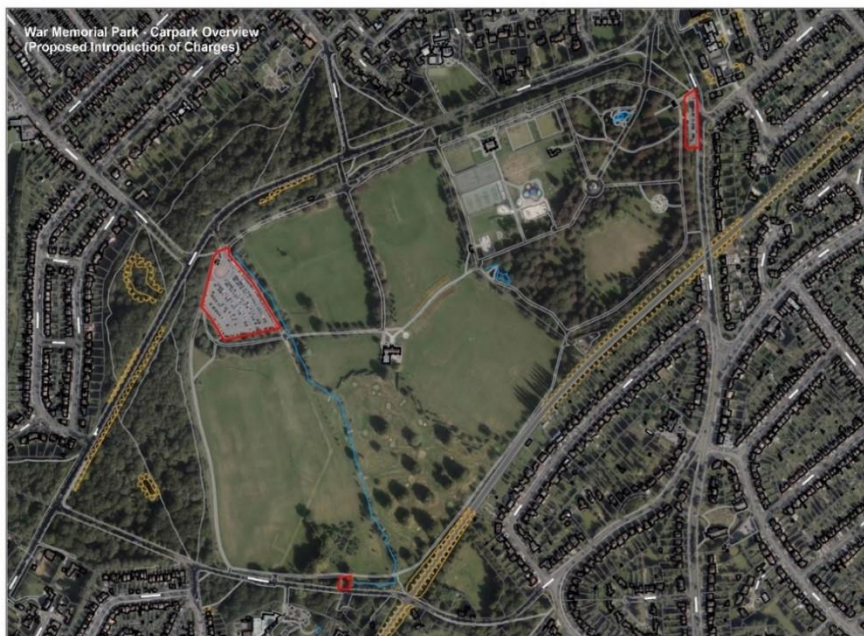
Appendix A



Objections to introduction of parking charges – War Memorial Park

Proposal

The proposal is to introduce the parking charges at the 3 locations referred to in this report which are edged red on the plan for identification purposes. Appendix A includes a plan of the individual locations. Leamington Road and Coat of Arms Bridge Road are intended as Pay and Display and the larger Kenilworth Road a barriered Pay on Foot system (end of visit).



The proposed tariff (applicable to all three facilities):

Up to 3 hours	Free
3 - 4 hours	£3.00
4 - 5 hours	£4.00
Over 5 hours	£5.00
Weekly Pass	£17.50
Park & Ride ** (Kenilworth Road)	£1.00

** Fare for travel on Park & Ride bus shall be payable in addition
The above rates apply to blue badge holders

<p>Objections</p>	<p>A total of (18) objections were received, one of which was withdrawn before the end of the notice of proposal period on the 29th October 2020. One letter of support was received.</p> <p>The objections received covered similar reasons, some multiple reasons. The objections have been categorised highlighting the main reasons for objecting to the proposal. The following are the category of the objections raised with the number of times a similar issue was raised.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="387 342 1487 667"> <tr> <td>Against introduction of charges</td> <td>17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Potential of Increased on street parking issues within streets near to the park</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Introduction of charging for park and ride parking</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Free period of parking (3hrs) insufficient</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Question use of income raised from introduction of charging</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Question reasoning for introduction of charges – availability of spaces/use of</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Introduction of charges will deter visitors to the park and city centre</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Detrimental consequences to health and wellbeing</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </table>	Against introduction of charges	17	Potential of Increased on street parking issues within streets near to the park	6	Introduction of charging for park and ride parking	4	Free period of parking (3hrs) insufficient	2	Question use of income raised from introduction of charging	3	Question reasoning for introduction of charges – availability of spaces/use of	5	Introduction of charges will deter visitors to the park and city centre	8	Detrimental consequences to health and wellbeing	2
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<p>Support</p>	<p>Agrees with the introduction of charges</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p>																
<p>Question emails received (2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does the Council plan to combat people who will start to park in the residential areas of the park? • Have you considered making the first 2 or 3 hours free at the memorial park? • Will blue badge holders be exempt from the proposed parking charges at the Memorial park please? 																
<p>Recommendations from objectors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce parking permits – Woodside Avenue • Increased enforcement and fining for illegal parking • Introduce dedicated Motor Home parking to the city • Introduce restricted parking Earlsdon side of the park • Introduce a Park and Ride away from the park 																
<p>Response to objections</p>	<p>Local Councils are expected by national government to find ways to generate fair and effective income.</p> <p>The introduction of car parking charges at the War Memorial Park will ensure that park visitors continue to access free parking for up to three hours.</p> <p>Between December 2019 and 15 January 2020 as part of the Council's budget consultation, charging was proposed for all motorists <u>regardless of the length of their stay</u>. However, the Local Authority received considerable feedback asking that park and recreational users were not penalised.</p> <p>Therefore, a three-hour (free) period was put forward and agreed at the Council's budget setting meeting on Tuesday 25 February.</p> <p>This particularly recognised the fact that people (travelling by vehicle) using the park, for football, tennis, and many other sports and activities, would be able to enjoy the fabulous facilities and cafes, and complete their activities, without being charged.</p> <p>At the War Memorial Park grounds officers often found vehicle were being parked all day by owners working in the city centre, putting pressure on available spaces during busy periods - especially in the 42 space Leamington Road car park.</p> <p>This has been a cause of frustration for parks visitors, especially for people travelling from across the city to enjoy the venues facilities.</p> <p>Three hours free parking will be made available to all, ensuring that visitors have time to enjoy the park and any recreational activity they may participate in without charge. The option and choice to stay after the three hours remains completely a</p>																

matter for parks visitors who may choose to pay for any additional time spent at the venue.

However, we believe that the majority of visitors will still continue to use the park for less than three hours and therefore the visit will be free.

Charges after the free three-hour period are in line with charges already applied in both the City Centre long stay tariffs and those applied at Coombe Abbey Park e.g. £5 to park for the whole day.

Although at Coombe Abbey Country Park visitors are asked to pay £1 for an hour and £3 for one to two hours parking, this is not being considered at the War Memorial Park.

Motorists will also be able to purchase a weekly ticket again in line with charges at other long stay car parks.

In considering the rates for motorists who park at the War Memorial Park for more the 3hr free period and travel into the city centre or elsewhere by bus we believe a discounted tariff charge of £1 is a fair charge. This recognises the fact that, even though the venue is not a dedicated park and ride site, there are in the region of 14,000 people per year who use the site for onward bus travel and are already charged on average £3.10 for a return bus ticket.

This is a fair charge that compares fairly with costs for all day car parking tickets in the city centre.

Once the costs of implementation and administration of the car park charging scheme have been deducted the funds generated will enable the War Memorial Park to move towards being maintained on a **financially self-sufficient basis** and as such providing opportunities for a greater range of national funding bids being made that will contribute to the enhancement and ongoing improvements to the park

Installing Pay and Display machines at the smaller car parks at Leamington Road and Coat of Arms Bridge Road and a Pay on Foot barriered system at Kenilworth Road will offer visitors flexibility based on their visitor intentions. Cashless payment will also reduce the risk of potential vandalism to the payment machines and anti-social behaviour at the park. In addition, by removing the elements of cash handling this will reduce the operational costs.

The levels of any on street parking within neighbouring streets will be closely monitored following the introduction of charges.

In recent years visitor numbers to the park have grown, and in that time, new equipment and features such as the outdoor gym equipment has added to the vibrancy and appeal of the park.

It is widely acknowledged, that the outdoor physical and mental health benefits of parks is vitally important. This has never been truer at a time when the nation has been responding to the impact of the Covid-19 restrictions. Work will continue with our sports and culture colleagues to increase participation.

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17th June 2020	Covid-19 - Impact, Reset and Recovery	To consider the current position, plans for re-set and recovery and identify areas for further scrutiny	Cllr Duggins Gail Quinton
8th July 2020	Sustainability and Climate Change	Scrucoco will consider the interrelationships between air quality, travel, transport, access to education and employment, health and inequalities, etc Scrucoco will want to ensure the new normal maximises benefits to all and makes a positive contribution to climate change and a sustainable future for the city and its residents.	Cllrs O'Boyle, Hetherington, Caan, T Khan Andy Williams Brett Willers Andrew Walster Colin Knight
29th July 2020	Education and Vulnerable Children	Scrucoco will consider the impact of school closures on education and wellbeing of children and young people, especially those from vulnerable families	Cllrs Maton, Seaman Kirston Nelson John Gregg
19th August 2020	Not required		
16th September 2020	Jobs, Regeneration and Economy	To consider the impact of Covid-19 and implications for recovery and re-set on jobs regeneration and the economy. To invite members of SB3 as well	Cllr O'Boyle Andy Williams
	Draft Scrutiny Annual Report 2019-20	To consider the draft annual report before it goes before Council	Cllr Brown Adrian West
7th October 2020	Health Inequalities	To consider the impact of Covid-19 and implications for recovery and re-set on health inequalities. To invite members of SB5 as well	Cllr Kamran Caan Liz Gaulton

SCRUCO Work Programme 2020-21

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
4th November 2020	One Coventry Plan	To provide SCRUCO with the opportunity to review, and comment on, the One Coventry plan, prior to it being taken to Cabinet on 1 st December.	Cllr Duggins
25th November 2020	City of Culture 2021 - City Readiness	An update on progress and impact of Covid-19 including apprenticeship opportunities and resilience planning.	Cllr Duggins
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Dates to be identified	Climate Change	To follow up from the initial meeting on 8 th July	Cllr O'Boyle Bret Willers

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	Digital Skills	To look in more detail how steps being taken to improve digital skills, to narrow the digital gap and to ensure there are sufficient skills in the job market to meet future demand	Cllr Hetherton Cllr Maton Cllr Lloyd
	Brexit	To look at the potential impacts of Brexit.	
	Policing and Community Safety	To include plans for City of Culture 2021	Helen Kirkman (WMP) Joy Adams Cllr AS Khan
	Centre for Public Scrutiny – Scrutiny Review outcomes	The CfPS undertook a scrutiny review during 2019-20. This item will consider the recommendations and next steps.	Cllr Akhtar Adrian West
	City of Culture 2021 Legacy	To report on the lasting legacy of the City of Culture including impact on wider jobs and skills as well as capital and cultural assets	Cllr Duggins/ David Nuttall
	Restructuring Coventry City Council Subsidiaries	To consider a Cabinet Report for due in 2021	Andrew Walster Cllr Duggins