

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 18 March 2010

Agenda Item	
Report No	

Review of Parking Charges for Aviemore and Fort Augustus

Report by Director of Transport, Environmental and Community Services

SUMMARY

This report invites Member to approve the introduction of revised parking charges in the public off-street Car Parks in Aviemore and Fort Augustus.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The parking charges at both Aviemore and Fort Augustus Car Parks have not been revised for some time and recent surveys indicate that both car parks are reaching capacity at peak times.
- 1.2 Both villages are attractive destinations for tourists and visitors and the main users of the car parks at peak times are tourists.
- 1.3 Parking surveys over the summer indicate that a proportion of people leave their car in the car park for the full working day and take up valuable space that could be used by short term visitors.
- 1.4 Public toilets exist adjacent to both car parks. Some consideration is required of the very short term use made of the car parks by visitors and others using the toilets.

2. Proposed Charging

- 2.1 To ration out the limited available car parking spaces it is recommended that the charges below be introduced this summer as soon as a revised schedule charges can be processed through the formal channels.

Location	Charge	Charging Period
Aviemore – current	60p for 10 hours	8am to 6 pm -all year
Aviemore - proposed	60p for 4 hours £1.00 for 10 hours	8am to 6 pm - all year
Fort Augustus – current	60p for 10 hours	8am to 6pm -1 May to 30 September
Fort Augustus - proposed	60p for 4 hours £1.00 for 10 hours	8am to 6pm -1 June to 15 September

- 2.2 In addition it is proposed that 20 minutes of free parking be provided at allocated spaces adjacent to the toilets in both car parks. The allocated spaces will be marked and identified for this purpose.
- 2.3 The proposed charges are required as a traffic management measure to ration available parking spaces and ensure more efficient use of these spaces.
- 2.4 The charges have been discussed with the local Members, the local Community Council in Fort Augustus and the Chamber of Commerce in Aviemore and meet with their approval.

3. Resource Implications

- 3.1 The revised charging will not require any increased resources

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 Members are invited to approve that the revised parking charges set out in paragraph 2.1 of this report are introduced following the processing of the necessary statutory procedures.

Signature:

Designation: Director of Transport, Environmental and Community Services

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