

Agenda Item	Additional Item
Report No	CIA/34/20

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: City of Inverness Area Committee

Date: 19 November 2020

Report Title: Covid-19 Inverness City recovery – Rose Street Multi-Storey Car Park – Tarrif Adjustment

Report By: Executive Chief Officer Infrastructure & Environment

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 Create an offer to City Centre visitors at the Multi Storey Car Park to sustain or increase footfall to the city centre to help recovery after ongoing Covid-19 impacts, in support of retail business in the run-up to the Festive Season

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Note the amended Tariff schedule that has a cost neutral impact on service budgets and the decision to implement the Tariff adjustments to be taken by the Executive Chief officer, Infrastructure and Environment under delegated powers.

3. Implications

- 3.1 Resource – Amending the Tariff schedule to reduce the first two hours to a Zero tariff and to balance income across other stay-periods will ensure a cost neutral impact.
- 3.2 Legal – There are no implications as a Pay on Exit Car Park does not require a Traffic Regulation Order.
- 3.3 Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) – This will go some way to provide a short term benefit to those using the city centre at a peak period.
- 3.4 Climate Change / Carbon Clever – No significant implications.
- 3.5 Risk – Amending the tariffs for a short period of time will allow a cost-neutral approach to this proposal. Any other arrangements would risk increasing the budget gap and would need further governance.
- 3.6 Gaelic - None

4. 2 hours Free period at the Rose Street Multi Storey Car Park

- 4.1 The Inverness City Area Recovery Group requested officers to investigate supporting visitor access to the Inverness City Centre from November 2020 to January 2021 and identify ongoing benefits that can be delivered. As proper management and regulation of On-street restrictions are vital to maintain access for businesses and users it was agreed that attention should be focused on the Multi Storey Car Park. The aim is to encourage and increase footfall via safe and convenient parking in the main car park provided by the Council in the City Centre. This would provide support to Retail businesses in the run-up to the Festive Season which is a vital time of the year when significant proportion of trade occurs.
- 4.2 Officers have highlighted that any adjustment must be cost neutral to service income and have offered an adjustment to the tariffs by reducing the first 2 hours to a Zero rate but increasing tariffs across longer stay periods (See 5.1).

5. Range of Tariffs

5.1

Current Scale, as set in 2018		Proposed Scale Nov 2020, Dec 2020, Jan 2021	
Up to 2 hours	£1.50		£0.00
Up to 4hrs	£2.20		£3.00
Up to 6 hours	£3.50		£4.00
Up to 10 hours	£4.00		£5.00
Up to 12 hours	£5.00		£6.00
Up to 18 hours	£6.00		£7.00
Up to 24 hours	£7.00		£8.00
For each subsequent day in excess of 24hrs parking	£5.00		£7.00

- 5.2 Detailed analysis of pre-covid usage levels and more recent occupancy levels have indicated that no detriment to the service budget will occur with the application of the tariffs shown in table 5.1. and it is proposed to implement this tariff change by Notice as soon as possible in November 2020.

Designation: Executive Chief Officer Infrastructure & Environment

Date: 12 November 2020

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Background Papers: