

Rother District Council

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| Report to | - | Cabinet |
| Date | - | 8 June 2020 |
| Report of the | - | Executive Director |
| Subject | - | District of Rother (Off-Street) Parking Places Order 2020 |

Recommendation: It be **RESOLVED:** That the District of Rother (Off-Street) Parking Places Order 2020 be 'made' and brought into effect from 1 July 2020.

Head of Service: Joe Powell

Lead Cabinet Member: Councillor Field

Introduction

1. The Council currently operates its designated car parks under the District of Rother (Off Street) Parking Places Order 1983 (PPO). A copy of the current PPO can be found on the website at the following link:

<https://www.rother.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/ParkingPlacesOrder.pdf>

2. The PPO provides a framework under which the Council can manage the car parks under its ownership and enforce parking conditions to ensure proper use. The current PPO has been in use since 1983 and despite a number of minor variations has not been significantly updated since its inception and is therefore out of date.
3. At the Cabinet meeting on 4 November 2019 (Minute CB19/56 refers), the new District of Rother (Off-Street) Parking Places Order 2019 (PPO 2019) was recommended to Council, subject to two amendments.
4. The amendments were made and subsequently approved by full Council on 11 November 2019 (Minute C19/49 refers) therefore the final order is from hereon to be referred to as the District of Rother (Off-Street) Parking Places Order 2020 (PPO 2020).

Amendments to PPO 2019

5. Cabinet suggested that the time in which a standard parking charge (parking fine) must be paid be extended from seven to 21 working days; following consultation with legal officers this amendment has been included in the PPO 2020.
6. Members did not support the proposed exemption from charges for the first three hours of any one day for Disabled Person's Badge Holders and so, this exemption has been removed from the PPO 2020 clause 33 and replaced with the original wording from the PPO 1983, that allows Disabled Persons Badge Holders to be exempt from any limitation on time specified in column 5 of the Second Schedule to this Order.

PPO 2020 Implementation

7. Once Members have 'made' the PPO 2020 and approved the effective date of 1 July 2020, officers will have 14 days in which to comply with legislation to both advise the public that the order has been 'made' and the effective date of the PPO 2020. We will inform the public using a press release and notices in car parks both of which will be in place by the 14 July 2020. We will also write to inform those people for whom we have contact details and whom objected to the new PPO.
8. In addition, officers are preparing new permanent car park signage in line with the revised PPO 2020 and these will be erected from 15 July 2020 onwards. The signs will be erected in priority order starting with those car parks where charges are already applied, followed by those car parks new into the order. It is anticipated that all car parks will have relevant signage in place by December 2020.
9. It should be noted that until relevant new signage is in place within a car park enforcement cannot be fully applied in that car park under the PPO 2020 but may be applied under the 1983 PPO.

Conclusion

10. Members are hereby requested to approve the 'making' of the District of Rother (Off-Street) Parking Places Order 2020 (PPO 2020), with an effective date of 1 July 2020.

Malcom Johnston
Executive Director

Risk Assessment Statement

There is a risk that the introduction of civil parking enforcement by East Sussex County Council in 2020 will increase demand for off-street parking in the District of Rother. The new PPO being proposed will allow the Council to manage this increased demand more effectively.

It is important that the Council meet the cost of maintenance and enforcement of its car parks. There is a risk that if the new PPO being proposed is not adopted, the Council will not be able to meet its costs or properly control parking within the 'amenity open space parking areas' and certain rural car parks which are not named in the current 1983 PPO.