



Chelmsford City Council Cabinet

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Beaulieu Station Car Park Proposed 2025/26 Fees and Charges

Report by:

Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Property

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Purpose

To seek approval for Beaulieu Station Car Park Fees and Charges.

Options

1. Approve the Fees and Charges as presented.
2. Approve the Fees and Charges as presented with amendments.
3. Decline to approve the Fees and Charges

Preferred option and reasons

The proposed tariffs will ensure that the Beaulieu Station car park operate competitively within the wider off-street parking market in Chelmsford, to effectively manage demand and to generate sufficient income to be able to adequately maintain and re-invest in the facility.

Recommendation

1. Approve the Fees and Charges as presented.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to inform Cabinet on the proposed charging structure for the new Beaulieu Station Car Park A.
- 1.2. Chelmsford City Council Parking Services will oversee the management and maintenance of the premium car park (Car Park A) adjacent to the Station building, which comprises 252 spaces and 38 blue badge spaces.
- 1.3. Responsibilities of the Car Park also encompass the bus interchange, taxi rank, and administration of secure cycle storage facility.
- 1.4. The proposed charges outlined in the table below are competitive when compared to other similarly operated station car parks within the surrounding local authority areas

Proposed Car Park charges

Beaulieu Station Car Park A	Charging Period		Proposed (£)
Monday to Friday (from 5am)	Up to	1 hour	3.50
		2 hours	4.50
		3 hours	5.50
	(Up to 5am)	Over 3 hours	11.50
Saturday and Sunday (from 5am)	(Up to Midnight)		5.00
Evening and Overnight: Monday to Saturday (5pm to 5am)			2.50

2. Pricing structure

- 2.1. The charges are competitively set to ensure the car park is well utilised without becoming overcrowded.
- 2.2. The aim is to attract rail users to choose this station over others and to manage demand in a busy car park to ensure that rail users can consistently find available spaces.

3. Blue Badge holders

- 3.1. Chelmsford City Council will not be charging for blue badge parking (of which there are about 36 spaces), this is part of the agreement with Network Rail which provides free blue badge parking at all stations

4. Payment methods

- 4.1 Payment methods are the same as in all Council car parks which is; cashless pay and display machines, and cashless payment App (MiPermit).
- 4.2 For revenue protection purposes the car park will be patrolled by Civil Enforcement Officers.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 At the proposed fee level it is anticipated that the car park will generate annual income of £319,643. Total expenditure £103,000 of which staffing costs will be £62,000 per annum and it is anticipated that 10% of car parking in Townfield Street will be displaced to Beaulieu Station Car Park resulting in a reduction in existing car parking income of £113,110. Resulting in net annual income from Beaulieu Station Car Park A of £103,533.

List of appendices:

None

Background papers:

None

Corporate Implications

Legal/Constitutional: This decision is an executive matter for Cabinet to determine.

Financial: Positive net income of £103,533, explained in paragraph 5.1 of the report.

Potential impact on climate change and the environment: May result in increased train travel reducing carbon emissions

Contribution toward achieving a net zero carbon position by 2030: None

Personnel: None

Risk Management: None

Equality and Diversity: Blue badge parking provided free of charge

Health and Safety: None

Digital: None

Other: None

Consultees:

Accountancy Services Manager

Relevant Policies and Strategies: None