

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 7

meeting date: TUESDAY, 10 JANUARY 2017
 title: DISABLED PARKING FREE PARKING ALLOWANCE
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To consider changing the amount of free parking provided to Disabled Drivers on Council car parks

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – To sustain a strong and prosperous Ribble Valley.
- Corporate Priorities – To ensure best use of council resources in the provision of parking.

2 BACKGROUND

All of the Council car parks presently allow free parking, without restriction, to disabled badge holders.

As you can see from below most other districts allow only 3 hours free which corresponds to the on street allowance.

AUTHORITY	REGULATIONS	
	IN BLUE BADGE SPACE	IN P&D SPACE
Blackpool	3 hours free + opportunity to extend with P&D ticket	Normal charge
Burnley	3 hours free + opportunity to extend with P&D ticket	Normal charge
Chorley	4 hours free + opportunity to extend with P&D ticket	4 hours free + opportunity to extend with P&D ticket
Craven	Normal charge + 1 hour free	Normal charge + 1 hour free/30 mins free in "pop-and-shop" spaces
Fylde	3 hours free + opportunity to extend with P&D ticket	Normal charge
Pendle	No charges, 3 hours in short stay, 10 hours in long stay	No charge, 3 hours in short stay, 10 hours in long stay
Preston	3 hours free + opportunity to extend with P&D ticket	Normal charge

3 **ISSUES**

- 3.1 Presently disabled drivers are allowed to take up the disabled space for all day at no cost and other disabled are then using none disabled spaces again at no cost.

4 **Conclusion:**

The issue has been raised at the Parking Working Group and to maximise the spaces available to car park users the proposal is to reduce the allowance to 3hrs with the option to extend with a P and D ticket. The allowance will extend to other spaces used in the car park.

5. **RISK ASSESSMENTS**

The approval of this report may have the following implications:

Resources – None

Technical, Environmental and Legal – None

Political – None

Reputation – None as most other district councils have already adopted this approach.

6 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

- 6.1 Agree to the proposal to change the disabled parking free allowance to 3hrs.

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