

## Decision under Delegated Powers

**To approve the variation to the Parking Places Replacement Order 2022 to change the fees at the Outwoods Country Park.**

### Officers Requesting Decision

Head of Contracts: Leisure, Waste and Environment

### Officer Making the Decision

Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety

### Decision

To vary the fees for the Outwoods Country Park from £1 to £2 in the Borough of Charnwood Off-Street Replacement Parking Places Order 2022 from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. The price for the season tickets will also increase from £40 to £80 accordingly.

### Authority for Decision

The Head of Regulatory Services under The Council's Constitution (Dec 2023), section 8,3 Delegation of Executive Powers, page: 34-39, Street Management, points 25 and 26:

*25. To provide, manage and maintain the Council's off-street car parks and, in consultation with the Head of Paid Service, to manage staff car parking arrangements.*

*26. To make amendments/variations to Parking Place Orders, issue notices under section 35C of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and collect car parking fees and issue fixed penalty notices in accordance with those Orders*

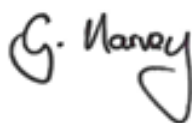
### Decision and Date

The fees for the Outwoods Country Park should be increased from £1 to £2 in the Borough of Charnwood Off-Street Replacement Parking Places Order 2022 from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. The price for the season tickets will also increase from £40 to £80 accordingly.

**Gareth Harvey**

**Head of Regulatory and Community Safety**

**15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**



## Background

The Outwoods is an area of open space, provided for the benefit of the people of and visitors to Loughborough held in Trust by the Council. The Outwoods Management Committee has responsibility for the effective overseeing of the area and in particular how the Outwoods are effectively managed to maximum benefit for the people of Loughborough.

The parking scheme at the Outwoods is considered a sustainable means of supporting the ongoing management and enhancement of the site. The recommendation for the introduction of car parking charges was made to the Council by the Outwoods Management Committee.

The Council have to balance the costs associated with managing its green spaces and under Section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulations (1984), any Local Authority's surplus generated from parking charges can (but not limited to) be allocated to cover the costs associated with environmental improvements and provision of outdoor recreational facilities available to the general public.

Cabinet approval was granted on 17th November, 2016 to amend the Parking Places order (2014) and introduce parking charges. The agreed parking tariff was £1 and this has not been reviewed since.

As part of the annual Options for change and inline with the economic climate and increased maintenance costs of the site, it was agreed that the parking tariff would increase from £1 to £2. This was reflected in the Council's 2024/25 budget proposals that were approved by Full Council on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

## Financial Implications

Any additional income will be used to offset part of the maintenance costs of the site and contribute towards the enhancement of the visitors' experience.

## Risk Management

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Management Actions Planned
Increased parking outside of the woodland might obstruct traffic	L	M	Discussions with LCC to introduce double yellow lines to minimise risk

Key Decision: No

Background Papers: N/A