

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Wednesday 13 March 2024 by the Waste & Street Scene Policy Committee.

Item No

8. PARKING FEES AND CHARGES - AMENDMENT TO SUNDAY TARIFF

8.1 This report seeks a minor amendment for the City Centre Sunday evening pay and display tariff introduced as part of a wider parking fees and charges decision at Waste and Street Scene Committee on the 14 February 2024.

8.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee approves the following amendment to the City Centre pay and display evening tariff on Sunday only, the evening tariff applies from 4.30pm-8.30pm:

1. Zone 1 – apply the existing rate of £1.45 per hour or £2 flat rate for more than an hour; and
2. Zone 2 and off street car parks – introduce a new rate of £1 for an hour, and £2 flat rate for more than an hour's parking.

8.3 Reasons for Decision

8.3.1 The tariff and fee changes approved by the Committee on 14th February 2024 will have the effect of better managing parking demand in areas and at times when demand is regularly and demonstrably outstripping supply. The Council has subsequently identified that one of the implications of this earlier decision will be to increase charges during a period in which there is lesser demand (the identified times on Sundays) and consequently the charge set is not considered commensurate with the traffic management purpose it is intended to fulfil. The proposed adjustment to the relevant charges will address that disparity.

8.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

8.4.1 The Council could maintain the current evening tariffs, but, with the information available, these are not thought to be appropriate or proportionate to achieve the aims of the proposed increases.

9. 2023/24 QUARTER 3 BUDGET MONITORING

9.1 This report brings the Committee up to date with the Council's General Fund revenue outturn position for 2023/24 as at quarter 3.

9.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee notes the updated information and management actions on the 2023/24 Revenue Budget Outturn as described in this report.

9.3 **Reasons for Decision**

9.3.1 To record formally changes to the Revenue Budget.

9.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

9.4.1 The Council is required to both set a balance budget and to ensure that in-year income and expenditure are balanced. No other alternatives were considered.

10. **SAFETY CERTIFICATION / SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) POLICY - SPORTS STADIA AND REGULATED STANDS**

10.1 To inform members of the updated Safety Certification / Safety Advisory Group (SAG) Policy in relation to sports grounds.

10.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee approves the content of the revised Safety Certification / Safety Advisory Group (SAG) Policy Document attached at Appendix A.

10.3 **Reasons for Decision**

10.3.1 Following consultation with relevant partners, comments, suggestions and requests for amendments or additions have been considered and appropriately implemented into the proposed new document.

10.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

10.4.1 The review was carried out to comply with a recommendation by the Council's internal auditors and reflect changes to industry best practice.

10.4.2 Failure to review would result in an outdated policy being in force.

11. **WASTE AND STREET SCENE COMMITTEE CLIMATE STATEMENT**

11.1 The Committee Climate Statements:

1. Respond to the Annual Climate Progress Report 2022/23 in a timely manner.
2. Restate the cross-party council commitment to taking what action we can to address the climate emergency, adapt our city and council for a changing climate and reduce emissions to achieve our ambition to be a net zero city and council by 2030.
3. Increase understanding of the impact climate change will have on committees, the opportunities that tackling climate change offers, and the contribution to climate and net zero action each committee is currently making and needs to make moving forward.

11.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee considers and agrees their respective Climate Statement to ensure that the proposed actions contained in such statement are reflected in their Work Programme.

11.3 **Reasons for Decision**

11.3.1 It is important that the response to the Annual Climate Progress Report is open and transparent in setting out the challenges which the local authority faces in making progress and clarifies future expectations on the part we all have to play in addressing climate change.

11.3.2 Committee do not currently have specific strategic goals for climate. The process required to develop these, and have the statements approved to be read at each committee meeting meant that option 5.2 was not feasible with the available resource and timeframe.

11.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

11.4.1 Not providing committee climate statements considered due to the resource required to collate.

11.4.2 Providing more detailed Committee Climate Statements that provided an overview of strategic climate goals, with each Chair then reading the committees statement publicly at their respective committee meeting following release of the report.

12. **CIVIL PARKING, BUS LANE AND MOVING TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

12.1 The report seeks approval of an updates to the Civil Parking and Bus Lane Enforcement Policy to include moving traffic enforcement.

The decision to implement enforcement of these powers has already been taken by the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee on 19 January 2023.

A signed designation order was received from the Department for Transport in June 2023. This enables Sheffield City Council to use civil enforcement powers to issue Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) to vehicles contravening such restrictions.

The policy provides updated information and guidance on:

- national regulations and government guidance;
- the appeals process that motorists must follow to dispute a moving traffic PCN and a guide to our cancellation policies; and
- enforcement of moving traffic contraventions

Initial sites to be enforced by ANPR cameras submitted to the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Committee are:

- Queens Road/ Bramall Lane: Illegal turns, yellow box junction;
- Glossop Road/ Upper Hanover Street: Illegal turns, yellow box junction; and
- Hoyle Street: Yellow box junction.

The amended version is aimed at ensuring our policies:

- are updated to include new enforcement powers;
- reflect national regulations and guidance;
- are transparent; and
- are consistent.

12.2 RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee:

1. approves the updated Civil Parking, Moving Traffic and Bus Lane Enforcement Policy; and
2. grants a delegation to the Executive Director, City Futures to make minor amendments to the table in the Moving Traffic Restrictions section in Appendix A of the policy, to reflect new or existing Traffic Regulation Orders.

12.3 Reasons for Decision

12.3.1 The Department for Transport sets out that civil enforcement policies should be consistent, fair and effective. The existing policies need updating to reflect current regulations and enforcement options available to the local authority.

12.3.2 It is recommended that Members approve the policy for the updated recommendations to be implemented in preparation for ANPR camera enforcement of moving traffic contraventions.

12.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

12.4.1 Leave the warning notice period for new bus gates at 1 month and enforce using the same contravention code as bus lanes.

12.4.2 The Council would need sufficient justification to depart from statutory guidance which anticipates that bus gates will become the subject of moving traffic enforcement (and the longer 6 month warning period). While choosing not to implement the proposals in this report would not be unlawful and would provide consistency and continuity with the Council's existing practice in respect of bus gates, this is deemed not to be sufficient justification to depart from the statutory guidance. It could also raise additional concerns regarding how PCNs issued in respect of bus gates may be treated by the Traffic Penalty Tribunal upon appeal.

13. AMEY (STREETS AHEAD) CONTRACT PERFORMANCE

13.1 To provide an update on contract performance for Highways Maintenance

between Sheffield City Council and Amey Hallam Highways (AHH) (subcontracted to Amey LG (Amey)) as part of a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contract dated 31 July 2012 which is due to expire in 2037 (the Contract).

13.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee:

1. notes the Amey Contract Performance Report at closed Appendix 3;
2. notes the trials on new ways of working for street cleansing, leafing and planned drainage programmes;
3. notes that performance with customer responses is improving and the Authority continues to work with Amey to finalise an Action Plan; and
4. notes the areas of improvement to strengthen monitoring and auditing function.

13.3 **Reasons for Decision**

13.3.1 The reason for this report is for the Committee to note the points outlined above and in the closed Appendix 3 and note Officers proposed way forward.

13.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

13.4.1 The report was for noting, there were no alternatives considered and rejected.