

## Addendum to Item 19

### Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and Associated TRO Update

#### **1. Summary**

- 1.1 As mentioned in previous reports, the Council following withdrawal of the Traffic Wardens by the Police in 2011 and various approaches by the Business Community undertook an extensive formal consultation exercise including an independent public hearing prior to Officers arriving at recommendations which were all approved by Committee and the Council.
- 1.2 Item 19 makes a number of recommendations regarding proposed Variation Orders to the Inner Greenock, Outer Greenock and Off-Street Parking Places TROs.
- 1.3 The Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration and Resources asked the Head of Regeneration and Planning to carry out a second survey of the Town Centre businesses and this was done on the 24 and 27 October. The survey confirmed that 80% of traders wished there to be a relaxation of restrictions in the period between now and the implementation of any potential Variation Orders.
- 1.4 This, plus continued Officer observations of the uptake of parking spaces and concerns raised by Greenock Town Centre residents result in the recommendations detailed below. If approved, the recommendations will result in 100 extra unrestricted parking spaces which will provide parking opportunities for residents and ease the demand on long term parking affecting other areas around the town centre.
- 1.5 In addition and in line with a number of other Councils it is proposed that for the 4 Saturdays during December the Council- owned Off-Street Car Parks become free all day parking, this to include the Bull Ring Car Park and Cathcart Street West Car Park.

#### **2. Amended Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of this report.
- 2.2 It is recommended that the Committee agree that Officers commence formal consultations at the earliest opportunity on the following variations:
  - (a) To increase the duration of all disc operated on street parking within inner Greenock to 2 hours.
  - (b) To reduce the parking restriction period to Monday – Friday (8.00am – 6.00 pm), for both on and off street parking.

- (c) To remove Terrace Road, West Stewart Street (from Jamaica Street to Kelly Street), Jamaica Street (from West Stewart Street to Union Street), Station Avenue, Unnamed Streets off Cathcart Street serving 51-57 Cathcart Buildings and 59-67 Cathcart Buildings from the parking disc operation area.
- 2.3 It is recommended that the Committee agree that in order to effect an immediate improvement in the utilisation of available parking spaces that there is an informal suspension from Monday, 3 November 2014 of parking disc enforcement in the on street parking areas detailed in 2.2 (c).
- 2.4 It is recommended that the Committee agree that for the 4 Saturdays in December 2014 there is informal suspension of parking disc enforcement and parking charges in the Council owned off street car parks to operate free all day parking in order to encourage shopping over this busy period for traders.
- 2.5 It is recommended that the Committee agree that a special meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Committee be called to deal with any report relating to the potential variation orders at the earliest opportunity.

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# Greenock Parking Zones

As from 6 October 2014

-  Up to 30 mins max stay free (Display parking disc)
-  Up to 1 hour max stay free (Display parking disc)
-  Up to 2 hours max stay free (Display parking disc)
-  Up to 3 hours max stay free (Display parking disc)
-  Flat rate £1 per day
-  No waiting or parking
-  Inner Town Centre

**Pick up your free parking disc here**



**Parking zones vary, check the time limit before you park**

**KEEP ZIGZAGS CLEAR**  
**KEEP KIDS SAFE**  
 ADVISE TO STOP ON PAVES ON THE 200 AND 300 ZONE SIGNS AND INCLUDING COORDINATES (P40 P70)

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