



## SCRUTINY ITEM

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HEAD OF TECHNICAL SERVICES	INTERNAL AFFAIRS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	20 JUNE 2023	5
<b>CAR PARKING UPDATE ON RESIDENT PERMIT SCHEME</b>			

### PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

#### SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The Fylde Residents' Permit Scheme was established to provide residents the opportunity to obtain an annual permit to park in most Council owned and operated car parks without further payment. The following is an update on the scheme.

#### SOURCE OF REFERRAL FOR SCRUTINY

Fylde Council car park permit database.

#### LINK TO RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

[Operational Management Committee, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021](#) – Permit scheme revised following Car Parking Working Group suggestions

[Operational Management Committee, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016](#) - Permit scheme revised following Car Parking Working Group suggestions

#### WHY IS THIS MATTER BEING PLACED BEFORE COMMITTEE FOR SCRUTINY?

To provide the committee with an annual update on the Fylde Residents' Permit scheme.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

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## Fylde Resident Permit Parking Scheme

1. The scheme, established in 2014, allows the permit to be used once per day on a single car park; either up to 2 hours throughout the year on a short stay car park between 9am to 11am or 3pm to 6pm or on a long stay car park at any time for up to 2 hours a day during the summer season and up to 4 hours a day over the winter period
2. Below are details of the number of permits and reissued permits (e.g. if the customer requires the permit to be transferred to a different vehicle) that were purchased since the scheme started. During the pilot year all permits expired on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015 irrespective of when they were purchased. Subsequently it was agreed that the scheme should be made permanent with the conditions slightly adjusted. This was promoted in the Council Tax leaflet sent to all Fylde Borough Residents in mid-March 2015, which resulted in many applicants for the revised scheme over the following weeks. The scheme has been promoted in subsequent Council Tax leaflets each year since which has resulted in a further increase in applications. As such the middle of March is used to define each annual period for comparison purposes. The scheme was refined and expanded in 2016/17 and 2020/21.
3. Table 1 shows that the number of permits issued has increased each year supported by many of the existing customers renewing their permits with new customers to compensate for those that have not renewed.

**Table 1: Number of Permits Issued**

Period	New	Renewed	Total Permits	Replacements
Pilot Phase (01/05/14 to 08/01/15)	105	N/A	105	9
01/03/15 to 13/03/16	150	79	229	13
14/03/16 to 12/03/17	223	70	293	12
13/03/17 to 13/03/18	158	163	321	24
14/03/18 to 10/03/19	177	204	381	25
11/03/19 to 08/03/20	194	241	435	22
09/03/20 to 10/03/21	95	210	305	9
11/03/21 to 09/03/22	230	225	455	23
10/03/22 to 10/03/23	293	322	615	16

Table 1 Note: The number of permits issued has increased each year with many existing customers renewing permits and new customers increasing.

4. The annual charge is £20.83 (£25 inc. VAT) and replacements £12.50 (£15 inc. VAT) the income from the scheme is set out in table 2. This charge has not been increased since the scheme was introduced in 2014.

**Table 2: FRPS Income**

Period	New and Renewed	Replacement	Total Income
Pilot Phase (01/05/14 to 08/01/15)	£2,187	£112	£2,299
01/03/15 to 13/03/16	£4,770	£162	£4,932
14/03/16 to 12/03/17	£6,103	£150	£6,253
13/03/17 to 13/03/18	£6,686	£300	£6,986
14/03/18 to 10/03/19	£7,936	£312	£8,248
11/03/18 to 08/03/20	£9,061	£275	£9,336
09/03/20 to 10/03/21	£6,353	£112	£6,465
11/03/21 to 09/03/22	£9,478	£287	£9,765
10/03/22 to 10/03/23	£12,810	£200	£13,010

5. Before the start of the COVID pandemic the number of permit holders had increased year-on-year. The number of new permits significantly dropped during the first year of the pandemic (2020/21) though renewals remained at a similar level. As lockdown and social distancing measures reduced in 2021/22 the number of new permits increased to slightly above pre-pandemic levels.
6. Once annual user numbers pass 1,000 the committee has asked to review the scheme.