

EXETER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Changes to parking charges support the delivery of the City Council's Corporate Plan, in supporting a strong City Centre by ensuring sufficient space is available with turnover of spaces allowing all who wish to visit the City are able to. Any surplus that arises from this approach supports the delivery of a wide range of City Council services that attract people to live, work and visit Exeter.

Introducing a 1hr charging period and adjusting Sunday parking charges are in direct response to address difficult trading conditions for businesses and the wider economic challenges businesses are facing within the city centre.

Introducing parking charges for Riverside Leisure Centre car park is to ensure this car park is used by its intended customers and not by those shopping or working in the city. Exeter Leisure members will be provided with a permit to use in Riverside Leisure Centre.

In addition to the above further changes include:

- i) Introducing a tariff increase for the period 2025/26 as tariffs have remained frozen for the period 2023-2025*
- ii) Transferring the transaction charge of £0.10p for using the Ringo App to the user*
- iii) Transitioning the following car parks from Zone 1 to Central Zone a. Howell Road; b. Triangle;*
- iv) Setting aside £75,000 of income achieved from Car Parks for maintenance, improvements and carbon reduction measures to city centre car parks.*

The introduction of the above measures are intended to encourage commuting into the city of Exeter via active and or sustainable travel means and to encourage customers to park outside of the immediate city centre and to travel into the city by alternative active and or sustainable travel means. The revised tariff arrangements are intended to deliver a wide range of services for residents, businesses and visitors to the city.