

Policy and Resources Committee

Date:	3 November 2020
Title:	Residents Parking Permits
Purpose of the Report:	To consider increasing charge for residents parking permits for the Upper High Street Car Park
Contact Officer:	Karen Slater, Office Administration Manager

Background

The Town Council offer residents who live in the High Street and have no off-street parking annual permits, to park their vehicles in the Upper High Street car park. This is limited to two permits per household, so as not to fill the car park up with residents' cars, allowing visitors to Thame the ability to park there. The permits have been £50 per year per vehicle for the last 11 years and have not increased with inflation. For information, 327 parking permits were issued during last financial year.

Throughout Oxfordshire resident permit schemes are in place where residents have to pay for their permits. An investigation has been undertaken to determine what these current costs are:

Location of Residents Permit Scheme	Cost of Permits
Henley	£100 each per year
Bicester/Witney/Didcot	Do not issue permits
Oxford County Council	£65 each for first two, £130 for a third and £200 for a fourth per year
Abingdon Town	£100 each per year
Marlow	After business hours only £55 for each per QUARTER

It is recommended that the Town Council should charge £65 flat rate for an annual permit to park in the Upper High Street car park.

Resource Appraisal

30 Days' notice to be given via Newsletter & Noticeboard, there is no additional cost to implement price increase

Council Priorities

To be an efficient and effective council

Legal Powers:

Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984

Action

The Committee is asked:

- i) To agree to increase charge to £65 to residents for an annual parking permit for the Upper High Street Car Park.***