

COMMITTEE REPORT

Subject:	<i>Consider parking charges for Salisbury City Council car parks following the Wiltshire Council changes.</i>
Committee:	<i>Full Council</i>
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Confidential / Exempt:	<i>No</i>

1. Report Summary

- 1.1 This report relates to parking charge changes made by Wiltshire Council.
- 1.2 Members are requested to consider whether Salisbury City Council should amend the charges at Lush House car park to mirror Wiltshire Council's price changes.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Members are asked to agree that Salisbury City Council change the prices at Lush House car park to align with the prices set by Wiltshire Council. This decision would support Wiltshire Council's wider parking.

3. Background

- 3.1 The changes to Wiltshire Council's parking charges and arrangements follow a public consultation that received 1,762 responses. Following the consultation, and in response to feedback from residents, businesses, and town and parish councils, Wiltshire Council amended or withdrew several of its original proposals.
- 3.2 Wiltshire Council's parking charges have remained unchanged since 2022, despite inflation increasing by around 28% during that period. Therefore, from 4 September, pay and display parking charges will increase by an average of

20%, rounded to the nearest 10p. Season ticket and permit charges will also increase in line with the revised tariffs.

- 3.3 Wiltshire Council has also revised some parking arrangements to reflect the different roles played by short-stay and long-stay car parks, while supporting Wiltshire Council's wider transport objectives.
- 3.4 The only car park for which Salisbury City Council controls the prices is Lush House car park, located on Crane Bridge Road. Currently, the prices for this car park are aligned with Wiltshire Council's prices prior to the increase.

4. Proposal

- 4.1 It is proposed that Salisbury City Council amend the parking charges at Lush House car park to align with the revised Wiltshire Council pay and display charges. This would maintain consistency with other city centre parking provision and reduce the likelihood of displacement parking or increased demand at Lush House as a lower cost alternative.

Monday to Saturday 7am – 7pm Sunday 10am – 4pm	Previous Parking Charges to 3 September 2026	Current Parking Charges from 4 September 2026
Up to 1 hour	£2.00	£2.10
Up to 2 hours	£3.60	£3.80
Up to 3 hours	£5.90	£6.20

5. Financial Position

- 5.1 At the end of the 2025-26 financial year, Lush House car park had an income of £206,000. If members agree to match the charge increase, a 20% increase would equate to an income of approximately £247,200. It should also be noted that, if members do not increase the charges, Lush House income may increase due to it being cheaper than other car parks in the city.

6. Legal and Governance Considerations

- 6.1 The Council can set charges for Lush House car park. No changes are required to current contracts or agreements that support Lush House car park operations.

7. Consultation and Engagement

- 7.1 Internal officers engaged:
- CEO
 - SMT
 - Responsible Finance Officer
 - Facilities Manager
 - Estates Manager

8. Strategic and Policy Alignment

- 8.1** The proposal supports Salisbury City Council's approach to effective asset management and responsible financial management by ensuring that charges remain aligned with comparable local provision. It also supports the wider transport objectives being progressed by Wiltshire Council, including the management of demand across short-stay and long-stay car parks.

9. Next Steps

- 9.1 Subject to approval by Full Council, officers will update the payment machines, online payment systems and any associated signage at Lush House car park to reflect the approved charges.
- 9.2 Officers will communicate the agreed changes through the Council's social media and normal communication channels to ensure users are aware.
- 9.3 Monitor usage and income following implementation and report any significant issues to SMT.

10. Implications

Implication Area	Impact	Comments / Mitigation
Financial	Low	Whilst changing charges will increase revenue, the amount is relatively low.
Legal	Low	The decision will be taken through the Council's normal governance process and implemented in line with relevant procedures.
Risk	Low	The main risk is displacement of parking demand if charges are not aligned. This can be mitigated by agreeing a consistent tariff and monitoring usage after implementation.
Personnel	Low	No additional staffing resources required.
Environmental Impact	Low	No direct environmental impact. Aligning charges may help avoid unnecessary vehicle movements by reducing the incentive to circulate in search of cheaper parking.
Equalities Impact Statement	Low	No change to access arrangements or service provision.
Community / Public Impact	Medium	Potential price increase for users. Clear communication and advance notice will help residents, businesses and visitors understand the change.
Procurement / Contractual	Low	No change to approved contract arrangements.
Property / Asset	Low	Minimal changes to signage within the car park.
Data Protection	Low	No additional personal data processing, existing procedures apply.