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## Notice of Motion - Number 64

Councillor initiating: Cllr C Taylor

Committee: Full Council

Date of meeting: 9 March 2026

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**Subject:** Car Parking Charges

**Background [Motion]:**

Local shops, hospitality businesses and entertainment venues are all struggling financially in this current economic climate. Salisbury already has the highest car parking charges in the county and increasing charges will deter residents from visiting the city.

The proposed changes to the times of free overnight parking will particularly impact the hospitality industry. Dramatically increasing charges on Sundays will have a significant impact on both church goers and retail businesses who currently rely on Sunday Trading.

This Council opposes the proposed changes to Wiltshire Council Car Parking Charges and operating hours. It will support local businesses to lobby against the changes and will decouple the parking fees / operating hours of its own car parks (ie Lush House Car Park) from Wiltshire Council which will enable charges and operating hours to be frozen for 2026/2027 and thereafter reviewed during the annual budget setting process. It is intended that the contract with Wiltshire Council for parking enforcement will be maintained but alternatives will be investigated periodically.

**Resolution:**

This Council instructs Officers to de-couple the charging and operating hours structure of its car parks from Wiltshire Council and freeze current fees and operating hours for at least a year and thereafter review annually within the budget setting process.

I urge all Councillors to support this motion in the interest of our residents and local business owners.

Councillor Signed:

Date: