

## Appendix Green 3

### Amendment to the Revenue Budget 2018/19

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Directorate /Service	Description of amendment	Implications of Service Delivery	Estimated Costs / Savings 2018/19 £000	Impact Statement
<p><b>Workplace Services</b></p>	<p><b><u>Income:</u> Charge for the car parking passes for City Hall, which are currently issued free to councillors, aldermen and senior council staff.</b></p> <p>Councillors currently receive a subsidy in the form of free parking at City Hall, despite the clear rule that Councillor allowances should cover the cost of travel within the city, and despite the fact that there is no comparable subsidy for Councillors using public transport.</p> <p>Free parking is also provided at subsidy to senior officers. This is highly regressive, as it is only provided to the best paid officers, and not to those earning less.</p> <p>A suitable level at which to introduce the charge would be £600 for an annual pass (as compared to ~£2000 for annual passes for members of the public in council car parks in the city centre) and £5 for a day pass (as compared to ~£10 per day for a book of 20 day passes).</p>	<p>This proposal is assumed to be for the period of the MTFP.</p>	<p><b>(£30)</b></p>	<p>This proposal would not have a direct effect on council staff, unless the spaces required removed the allocated spaces for disabled members of staff who currently utilise the space on first come first served basis. There are currently eight spaces available for disabled users.</p>

	<p>These would be issued in the same way as the current free passes.</p> <p>Blue Badge holders would be able to park free of charge as normally. The system should include the ability to issue free passes for individuals in the case of short-term injury or illness which would not be covered by a Blue Badge, or particular caring responsibilities which require the use of a car.</p>			
<b>Neighbourhoods (Parks)</b>	<p><b>Costs: Put an additional £30k into the parks budget to allow the parks department to operate reducing the pressure to introduce advertising in parks.</b></p> <p>Having parks as an escape from the stresses of city life is an important contribution to our mental health and well-being. There is a great deal of evidence that access to green space contributes to health, both physical and mental.</p> <p>Allowing advertising to intrude on that space diminishes this benefit. This amendment provides funding to support parks services reducing any dependence on advertising in parks.</p>	<p>This proposed amendment would reduce our proposed income target for advertising in parks by £30k.</p> <p>However, as the business case for changes in parks is still being developed, it would not necessarily guarantee that there is no advertising needed in parks in future.</p>	<b>£30</b>	<p>This would have a positive effect on equalities communities and community cohesion in the city. Increasing funding to the service would reduce the need for mitigation measures outlined to reduce the impact of budget savings. For example, disabled and older people who use parks could potentially be disadvantaged due to income generating activities conflicting with accessibility of the space. Community cohesion issues may also become more prevalent e.g. parks could become less welcoming and inviting to different cultures. An increase in funding would reduce potential barriers for these groups, and is likely to create community cohesion opportunities for protected characteristic communities who would share the space free of charge.</p>

**Capital budgets can only be considered where financed from borrowing and the net financial impact of the amendment on the budget MUST be zero.**

Chief Finance Officer/s151 Officer

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12<sup>th</sup> February 2018..... Date