

# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Item	Outcome															
<b>Date Of Decision</b>	18 May 2023															
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Paul Smith, Assistant Director, Highways and Transport Operations															
<b>Brief Description of Decision</b>	To increase Vacant Seat Prices and SevernCard prices in line with inflation. Decision to approve (in consultation with Cabinet) which will come into effect on 4 September 2023															
<b>Reason(s) For Decision</b>	<p>As part of the 2023/24 budget setting report Worcestershire County Council Cabinet resolved on 2 February 2023 to increase the price of Vacant Seats and SevernCard Prices by 10%.</p> <p>This document confirms that with effect from 4 September 2023 the Assistant Director for Highways &amp; Transport Operations within the Economy and Infrastructure Directorate in consultation with the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways &amp; Transport, will implement the agreed increases to Vacant Seat Prices and SevernCard Prices</p> <p>Worcestershire County Council undertakes an annual review of fees associated with its Vacant Seats and SevernCard provision. The fees have not increased since 2012 / 2013.</p> <p>However, challenges in the Transport sector have prompted this action.</p> <p>New rates are as follows:</p> <p><b>Vacant Seats Contribution Rates</b></p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Pass Term</th> <th>2022-23</th> <th>2023-24</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Annual</td> <td>£547</td> <td>£600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Termly</td> <td>£192</td> <td>£210</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Half Termly</td> <td>£101</td> <td>£110</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Direct Debit</td> <td>£ 64</td> <td>£ 70</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Pass Term	2022-23	2023-24	Annual	£547	£600	Termly	£192	£210	Half Termly	£101	£110	Direct Debit	£ 64	£ 70
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<p><b>Alternative Options Considered And Rejected</b></p>	<p>An increase in prices in line with contract costs was considered, but subsequently rejected due to the significant price increase this would result in.</p>																																			
<p><b>Any Conflict of Interest declared By a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>																																			
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