

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

6th MARCH 2002

**SALISBURY: INCREASE IN THE LEVEL OF
PENALTY CHARGE NOTICE**

Purpose of Report

1. To approve the increase in the level of the Penalty Charge Notice in the Special Parking Area of Salisbury District.

Background

2. The Special Parking Area arrangement came into operation in Salisbury District in 2001. The level of the Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) was set at the then current maximum of £40 (with a reduction to £20 if paid within 14 days of the date of issue).
3. At that time the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions (DETR) was consulting on increasing the sums to £60 and £30 respectively.
4. At the meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee of Salisbury District Council on 29th January 2001, it was resolved to introduce the £40 charge initially but to raise it to £60 after the DETR had issued the necessary approvals.

Detail

5. The income from the PCN is an integral part of balancing the finances in relation to the enforcement of the parking restrictions in the District. The parking policy is an integral part of the Salisbury Transportation Plan as laid out in the approved Local Transport Plan. The DETR confirmed that the charges for a Band C PCN are now £60 (and £30 if paid within 14 days).
6. Approval is now sought to enable the District Council to impose the new level of charge in line with national recommendation. The legal notice for the increase has to be issued by the County Council under the Road Traffic Act 1991.

Conclusion: Options Considered

7. The Penalty Charge Notice can remain at £40 or be increased to £60.

Recommendation

8. That approval be given to the increase in the Penalty Charge Notice to £60 (with a reduction to £30 if paid within 14 days of the date of issue).

Reason for Recommendation

9. The increase is considered appropriate to maintain the economies of the District Parking Policy.

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The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:

None

Environmental impact of the Recommendations contained in this Report:

None