

Review of Car Parking – what does this mean for you?

The East Riding Council's Car Parking Review Panel has produced its final report, which is due to go to full council in April. Headline recommendations likely to be of interest locally are:

- Charges will not be introduced on free car parks for at least two years, and only then if there have been two successive quarters of economic growth at a national level – locally these are all council owned car parks in Hessle, Anlaby, Cottingham and Willerby. Once introduced charges will be at a nominal 20p for the first hour in the first year increasing to 50p for the first hour in the second and subsequent years
- Every community with the exception of Beverley & Bridlington will have at least one car park with half an hour's free parking – locally this will be Swinegate, Hessle (section nearest to the Cooperative store), Wilson Street, Anlaby, King Street, Cottingham (part), and Willerby Square (approx 40 spaces nearest to the shops)
- Parking in The Square, Hessle, and Market Green, Cottingham, will remain free at all times
- Charges in many car parks in Beverley and Bridlington will be reduced as soon as possible and short stay car parking in Beverley will have a first half hour charge introduced at 30p (Butcher Row and North Bar Within) or 70p (Saturday Market) which are currently £1.30 an hour
- Annual parking permits will be available for all long stay car parks, offered on a monthly direct debit basis
- An East Riding Wide Daily Ticket will be introduced at a cost of £5 to enable parking in any long stay car park across the East Riding within that one day
- All machines will be adjusted so that customers are compensated with additional time if they do not have the correct change

Ward Councillor Julie Abraham was a member of the Review Panel and will be happy to answer more specific questions if residents wish to contact her.