

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE DHÚN LAOGHAIRE - RÁTH AN DÚIN  
DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL**

***GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
PAID PARKING CONTROL SCHEMES***

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## **1. Guidelines for the Implementation of Paid Parking Control Schemes**

The purpose of these Guidelines is to outline the procedures that will be followed by the Council in making a decision on the implementation of Paid parking controls on any public road in the county or in any car park owned or managed by the Council.

## **2. Rationale for Paid Parking Controls**

The main reasons for implementing paid parking controls are as follows:

- To manage car parking within the County more effectively in areas where there is evidence of excess demand for the available spaces,
- To increase turnover of parking spaces both on-street and in off-street car parks in areas that are designated as towns and villages in order to facilitate motorists who park for short durations at the expense of those who park for extended periods,
- To improve the prospects of residents accessing parking at or near their homes,
- To promote the use of alternative modes of travel (e.g. public transport, cycling and walking),
- To discourage extraneous parking in residential areas which has a detrimental impact on the quality of life of residents and
- To generate revenue for the Council which can be used to fund expenditure by the Council in the roads/traffic area.

## **3. Demand for Paid Parking Controls**

The demand for the implementation of paid parking control schemes usually arises from one or other of the following sources:

- Retail/commercial interests who want to improve turnover and the utilisation of parking spaces in retail areas,
- Residents who are concerned that parking is impinging on their enjoyment of their property and who are experiencing difficulty in accessing parking at or near their homes due to the volume of extraneous parking and
- Members of the public, Council staff and An Garda Síochána who are concerned at the adverse road safety implications of uncontrolled car parking at certain locations.

## **4. Procedure for the Implementation Paid Parking Controls in a Particular Location**

Every request for the implementation of paid parking controls will be assessed by the Transportation Department prior to a report being brought to the relevant Area Committee. The assessment will consider the following factors:

- The nature and extent of the parking problem in the area and the difficulty residents have in accessing parking. A traffic parking survey will usually be undertaken,
- Whether the implementation of paid parking controls is considered appropriate in seeking to overcome the problems identified,
- The scope/need for other traffic management measures to address any problems identified,
- The suitability of the area and its capacity to accommodate a paid parking control scheme.
- The optimal operating hours/days for any paid parking control scheme, the appropriate tariff and the maximum time limit that should be applied.

The matter will be considered by the Traffic Advisory Group, which includes representatives of An Garda Síochána. A report will then be presented to the Area Committee for decision.

Where it is proposed to introduce Paid Parking controls in primarily residential areas then the following procedures will be followed prior to a report being submitted to the area Committee:

- All residents in the area, recommended for a Paid Parking control scheme, listed on the current Register of Electors, except residents of buildings consisting of more than 4 housing units, will receive a survey paper together with a prepaid envelope returnable to the Council for the purposes of carrying out a survey to ascertain the residents' preference in relation to the proposed introduction of Pay and Display parking controls,
- Residents will also receive a drawing showing the details of the proposed Paid Parking Scheme in their particular area. The drawing will identify the location of parking bays, together with any other traffic management measures proposed. The Council reserves the right to implement other traffic management measures (e.g. double yellow lines, single yellow lines etc.) which is considered appropriate irrespective of the views of residents.

The following will be brought to the Area Committee in which the proposed Scheme is located.

*Traffic/parking Survey of the Area*  
*Details of the Scheme*  
*The results of the survey of residents*  
*Any other relevant information*

The Area Committee, having regard to all the information provided in relation to the Scheme, will determine whether or not the proposed Pay and Display Parking Scheme is introduced. A Report will be brought to the monthly Council meeting for approval.