

**Appendix 2c
Shaping the Council 2015-16 and beyond
Preliminary Savings Proposal**

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Savings Proposal		
Increase in parking charges .		
Strategic rationale		
<p>Car parks Parking enforcement is necessary for managing demand on our roads. Any parking charges and fines received can be invested in transport infrastructure, however, the Transport Act requires Thurrock Council to publish an annual parking report showing precisely where our parking revenues come from and how any income is being used. Car parking in Thurrock have not increased for the last 3 years. Comparing our charges with that of other authorities in the area indicates that there is potential to raise parking fees in the Borough to at least cover costs. It is proposed that Cabinet considers proposals for a 20% increase – i.e. a 50p an hour parking charge would become 60p an hour, or a £1 charge becomes £1.20 an hour. It has been agreed that on all Saturdays during December there will be free parking in all on-street and off-street pay and display parking spaces.</p>		
Approximate Cost Savings		
Increased charges, coupled with increased demand for parking in Grays centre resulting from consolidation of Council staff into the Civic Offices and the opening of South Essex College should raise £15K in the 2014/15 financial year, with a further £85K in 2015/16. (T		
Timescales		
Activity	Timescale	
Cabinet Report	November 2014	
Introduction of new charges	December 2014	
Risks /Consequences		
Increased charges do not deliver the required increase in parking income.		
Mitigation		
Close monitoring of car park receipts, and promotion of use of Council Car Parks		
Next steps – Service ownership and Board Scrutiny & Challenge		
Step	Service	Board Scrutiny & Challenge
.Preparation of Cabinet Report	Transportation & Highways	