

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council
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SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe

Grave concerns have been raised that the council have increased the charges for Parking Permits by 50% this year

The costs have risen from £40 to £75 for 3months, from £80 to £125 for 6 months and a 12 month permit from £150 to £225.

Can the portfolio please reveal the rationale behind the increase in annual Parking permit charges?

As you will be aware, the Council has had to deal with the most stringent budget settlements and had to look for savings totalling £20m within the 2014/15 financial year. As part of that budget settlement the Cabinet looked to maximise income where possible to lessen the impact on the Council's services. Increasing car park season tickets were included within the approved budget which Full Council approved on the 5th March 2014.

The annual car parking season tickets represent outstanding value for regular users of the Council's off street long stay car parks. A 12 month permit for a car equates to only £4.33 per week at the revised process. This is less than a customer paying the daily charges if they use a long stay car park for an average of at least 2 days per week.