



Fylde Council Annual Parking Finance Estimate Report 2020/21

1 Introduction

Welcome to Fylde Council's Annual Parking Finance Estimate Report for 2020/21. Under the Local Government Transparency Code 2015, in relation to parking account data, where the local authority's annual accounts have not been finalised, the authority should publish estimates within one month after the year to which the data is applicable. This report sets out financial estimates for the last financial year along with actual financial information from previous years.

2 Financial Performance

2.1 Section 55 (Parking Enforcement Accounts)

As a local authority which operates Civil Parking Enforcement (as an 'Enforcement Authority') with regards to its own off-street parking provision the Council is required to keep an account of all of its income and expenditure in connection with its off-street enforcement activities. These finances are governed by Section 55 (as amended) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The legislation sets out provisions for dealing with any deficits or surpluses in the account at the end of the financial year. Any deficit is to be made good out of the authority's general fund, whilst a surplus can either be carried forward in the account to the next financial year, or it can be appropriated to the carrying out of a specific project for one of the following purposes:

- 1.** The making good to the general fund of any amount charged to it for the making good of a deficit in the parking account in the 4 years immediately preceding the financial year in question.
- 2.** Meeting all or any of the cost of the provision and maintenance by the local authority of off-street parking accommodation.
- 3.** If it appears to the local authority that the provision in their area of further off-street parking accommodation is unnecessary or undesirable, the following purposes:
 - (i)** Meeting costs incurred, whether by the local authority or by some other person, in the provision or operation of, or of facilities for, public passenger transport services, and
 - (ii)** The purposes of a highway or road improvement project in the local authority's area.

As Fylde Borough Council is not the local highway or transport authority it is unlikely that any surplus in enforcement revenue would be used for 3(i) or 3(ii) above.

The Council's parking account during 2020/21 performed as follows:

**Report on Fylde Borough Council's Parking Account
(kept under Section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 - as amended)
for the financial year ending 31st March 2021**

	2016/17 (£)	2017/18 (£)	2018/19 (£)	2019/20 (£)	2020/21 (£)
Income					
Off-street penalty charges	44,269	41,828	49,281	41,648	29,215
Covid 19 grant support					7,036
Total Income	44,269	41,828	49,281	41,648	36,251
Expenditure					
CEO Time and Notice Processing Costs	44,030	48,019	49,847	46,502	47,545
Patrol and TEC Costs	1,079	1,115	850	1,160	888
Transport	4,312	3,532	3,421	6,708	4,980
Additional Enforcement Costs (phones, stationery etc...)	167	337	678	298	144
Service recharges	37,224	36,303	29,629	32,344	24,777
Total Expenditure	86,812	89,306	84,425	87,012	78,334
Total Surplus/Deficit	-42,543	-47,478	-35,144	-45,364	-42,083

The deficits in the parking accounts were funded from the Council's General Fund.

2.2 Off-Street Parking (Car Parks)

Income from off-street parking charges and expenditure on the purchase, maintenance, running and repair of off-street sites are not subject to Section 55 of the 1984 Act (although some of those expenditures can be funded from an end of year surplus in the Section 55 account). The Council's financial performance with regards to off-street parking during 2020/21 was as follows:

**Report on Fylde Borough Council's off-street parking income
and expenditure for the financial year ending 31st March 2021**

	2016/17 (£)	2017/18 (£)	2018/19 (£)	2019/20 (£)	2020/21 (£)
Income					
Pay & display income	631,125	602,314	678,100	640,593	424,153
Contribution for maintenance of 3 rd party car park	2,417				
Permit sales	21,680	22,220	22,983	21,750	14,099
Dispensations	268	2,527	263	82	1,245
Covid 19 grant support					166,516
Total Income	655,490	627,061	701,346	662,425	605,676
Expenditure					
Premises (maintenance and equipment)	47,646	45,894	44,100	43,600	54,754
Supplies and Services	11,897	11,398	14,573**	19,262**	18,771
Service recharges	83,279	87,420	91,401	102,705	97,960
Capital Charges	16,030	12,700	8,414	12,700	12,697
Business Rates	83,911	81,354	70,010***	77,799	79,067
Fee Refunds/Income share	23,921	20,092	19,001	18,811	2,541

Capital Works	28,895	*	60,000	20,000	50,000****
Total Expenditure	295,579	258,858	307,499	294,877	315,790
Total Surplus	359,911	368,203	393,847	367,548	289,886

*Capital budget of £30,000 was deferred from 2017/18 to 2018/19. The £60,000 in 2018/19 was contribution from the car park capital budget towards the redevelopment of the Town Hall exterior, including car park, which totalled £204,867.

**Increase in costs associated with additional ongoing charges related to card payments

***Reduction in business rates a result of no longer operating Kirkham car parks (saving £8,108) and a rebate of £5,798 related to Kirkham car parks from 2017/18.

****Additional capital budget towards the cost of installing the barrier system at Stanner Bank Car Park. Additional costs incurred in 2019/20 and 2020/21 for the renovation of the car park through the Fairhaven coastal protection scheme and Fairhaven public realm scheme.

The surplus funds raised through the provision of off-street parking facilities are used to offset the costs to the Council of providing services to the public (such as parking enforcement deficit, refuse collection and waste recycling, street cleansing, tourism services, parks maintenance, housing services etc.). Without these surplus funds, those costs would have to be met through Council Tax.