**STATEMENT OF REASONS**

The Parking Order is regularly revised to ensure that it regulates the use of parking places effectively, reflects changes in Regulations and also local circumstances. As such the proposed amendments to the Parking Order include the Consolidation for ease of use the existing Chichester District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2020 as subsequently varied by The Chichester District Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 1) Order 2021, (Variation No. 2) Order 2021), (Variation No. 2) Order 2022), (Variation No. 1) Order 2023), Order 2024 (Variation No. 1). Changes to the Order can help provide clarity to customers using parking places.

Income generated by car parking charges is also regularly monitored. Parking charges are both a means of managing parking spaces and are an important income sources to the authority. Income raised is invested in maintaining and improving the car parks service, in retaining other Council services and in reducing Council Tax. The charges have been considered by the Chichester District Parking Forum and reflect different circumstances and different methods of operation and various towns within the district. The increase is in line with the Council’s fees and charges policy – i.e. an overall increase by the rate of inflation.

The proposals seek a balance between costs to residents, the needs of the local commerce and the importance of remaining competitive with other centres in the area. The charges are considered to be modest and in line with other similar areas and neighbouring authorities.

**PROPOSED PARKING CHARGES FOR CAR PARKS AT BOSHAM, CHICHESTER, MIDHURST, PETWORTH, SELSEY, EAST / WEST WITTERING and BRACKLESHAM BAY**

**Daily Parking Charges with effect from 1st April 2025**