

## **THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON (PARKING PERMIT CHARGES AMENDMENT) ORDER 2026**

### **Statement of Reasons**

- For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs

Resident Parking Schemes provide a means by which parking places or restrictions can be introduced for use by permit holders within an area defined as a Zone (e.g. Zone 1 around the Polygon). By restricting permit entitlement, the demand for available parking can be managed to assist eligible residents and other appropriate service providers in finding parking within a locality during the period restrictions apply.

To fund the cost of this managed parking (e.g. introducing, administering, maintaining and enforcing a scheme) charges for the issuing of permits apply. The charges were last set in 2013 and due to inflation they no longer reflect the current costs of the schemes. As a result, increased charges are proposed to ensure the schemes remain financially sustainable.

It is also proposed to reduce the Annual Visitor Permit maximum stay period from 8 hours to 4 hours. This is intended to improve on-street capacity within the Resident Parking Zones by encouraging turnover of vehicles.

In authorising the advertisement of these proposals, the Council has given consideration to its duty under s.122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway (while having regard to the matters specified in s.122 subsection (2) of that Act).