

(CCC) Parking

Subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information in relation to the Local Authority and parking operations/contracts.

- Do you currently manage your car parking inhouse or do you contract to a third party?
- If you do employ a parking operator to manage your parking services, who is your current parking provider?
- Do you or the third party manage parking services for both on and off-street parking?
- What is the exact date your current contract/s terminate?
- Does the Local Authority receive the income generated from the parking and notice charges or does the income go to a third party?
- Please confirm the revenue amount generated from the third-party provider if there is one?
- What are the key challenges that the Local Authority face with regards to the parking provision?
- Can you confirm the expenditure on maintenance for the car park equipment by year over the last three years?
- Overall what was the profit generated by the Local Authority after the cost of maintaining and staffing the car park by year for the last three years?
- How many spaces are there? Please break down by location
- Do you have a pay by phone option? If so, who?

Response:

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Cambridge City Council manage their parking portfolio inhouse and do not contract out their off street parking management to a third party.

- If you do employ a parking operator to manage your parking services, who is your current parking provider?

N/A

- Do you or the third party manage parking services for both on and off-street parking?

Cambridge City Council Parking Services operate the off-street car parks.

All on-street parking and parking enforcement is undertaken by Cambridgeshire County Council.

- What is the exact date your current contract/s terminate?

N/A

- Does the Local Authority receive the income generated from the parking and notice charges or does the income go to a third party?

Parking fee income generated from car parking remains within Cambridge City Council.

Penalty Charge Notices are issued by Cambridgeshire County Council.

For more information please

contact <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/data-protection-and-foi/information-and-data-sharing/requesting-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act>

- Please confirm the revenue amount generated from the third-party provider if there is one?

N/A

- What are the key challenges that the Local Authority face with regards to the parking provision?

Cambridge City Council Parking Services must balance a variety of conflicting aims that often pull in differing directions. The service has the key objective of providing high quality services that offer value for money. It must also contribute to improving air quality and reducing the impact of congestion. The service peculiarly sees itself encouraging visitors, residents, tourist, commuters and business people away from cars and car parking and onto other modes of transport to access the City, P&R, Guided Bus, train, Car Clubs and cycling. Parking provision needs to be consistent with a strategy that encourages the shift away from city centre car parking.

Further documentation relating to your question can be found at: <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/search/?q=parking+provision>

- Can you confirm the expenditure on maintenance for the car park equipment by year over the last three years?

Supplier spend information is available on the Cambridge City Council open data page

<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/payments-to-suppliers>

CSV files can be filtered as follows:

Column G (Cost centre/project description) – search using the word car park. Purchase of equipment, software, equipment parts and maintenance payments are made to APT Skidata

- Overall what was the profit generated by the Local Authority after the cost of maintaining and staffing the car park by year for the last three years?

All of the car parks are very expensive assets to maintain and a substantial portion of the surplus is put towards the necessary capital maintenance costs which are not included in this figure. Car park surpluses also contribute to other transport-related spend items such as night-time bus subsidy, Shopmobility, Dial-a-Ride.

The net revenue surplus for all car parks in total for each year is shown below and within the web pages:

2017-18 £4,066,752

<https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/documents/s42943/Planning%20Policy%20and%20Transport%20Outturn%202017-18%20FINAL%20Combined.pdf>

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2018-19 £4,215,658

<https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/documents/s46397/COMBINED%2018-19%20PP%20T%20Portfolio%20FINAL.pdf>

2019-20 £3,904,686

<https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/documents/s50717/19-20%20Outturn%20report%20with%20appendices.pdf>

- How many spaces are there? Please break down by location

Details of the number of spaces in car parks operated by Cambridge City Council can be found at:

<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/media/5879/parking-spaces-data.pdf>

- Do you have a pay by phone option? If so, who?

Pay by phone is available at surface level pay & display car parks only and is supplied by Justpark

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk