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Associated Law(s) and/or Subordinate Legislation	ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC PARKING PLACES – CHARGES) (JERSEY) ORDER 2017
Action required if recommendation agreed	Department to take necessary action.
Resource Implications	There are no new financial and/or manpower implications.

Introduction

The report outlines the current arrangements for the existing Eco-Permit parking scheme.

Any fully electric or plug in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV) with emissions of 50 gram CO₂ per kilometre travelled or less currently qualifies for the scheme and receive half price parking in Government of Jersey car parks and chargeable on street locations in St Helier.

Additionally, EVs and PHEVs 'new to Jersey', meeting the emissions limits outlined above qualify for free parking in Government of Jersey car parks during the first year that the vehicle is registered in Jersey.

Background

Transport is the largest source of on-Island greenhouse gas emissions. In order to meet Jersey's ambition to have net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

The Carbon Neutral Roadmap as amended was approved by the States Assembly on 29 April 2022. It builds on the progress made through the Pathway 2050: An Energy Plan for Jersey and supersedes the Carbon Neutral Strategy 2019.

The Eco-Permit scheme supports The Carbon Neutral Roadmap's 'TR1 – Speeding up adoption of electric vehicles', policy by providing Islanders with an incentive to purchase electric vehicles.

Discussion

The original Eco-Permit parking scheme was launched in 2008, allowing cars with low carbon emissions to take advantage of half price Paycard parking. There have since been a number of changes which reduced the maximum emission levels following trends within the motor industry to produce more efficient engines.

EVs and PHEVs already registered in Jersey with carbon emissions of less than 50g CO₂ per kilometre travelled (that display a green badge identifier), are eligible for half price Paycard parking. Newly registered EVs and PHEVs to Jersey (including second hand vehicles from other jurisdictions) that qualify for the scheme, benefit from free parking for a period of 1 year in Government car parks. After this time they revert to qualifying for half price parking.

As technological advances occur, a higher proportion of private cars are qualifying for Eco-Permits (see table below). If the current trends continue Government will be effectively subsidising parking for an ever increasing pool of vehicles. It is anticipated that the Eco-Permit Scheme is likely to be phased out when new electric vehicle incentives, as described within policy TR1 of the Carbon Neutral Strategy, are delivered.

Table of vehicles benefiting from Eco-Permits

	2020	2021	2022
Eco-Permit - Free parking	120	176	200
Eco-Permit - Half price parking	252	387	481
Total Eco-Permits	372	563	681

In the meantime to support the Carbon Neutral Roadmap's TR1 it is recommended that the current Eco-Permit scheme be extended until the 31st December 2023.

Recommendation

The Minister is recommended to extend the current Eco-Permit scheme to the 31st December 2023.

Reason(s) for Decisions

Policy TR1 of the Carbon Neutral Road Map aims to speed up the adoption of electric vehicles. The Eco-Permit scheme supports this by providing an incentive scheme that partially covers the cost differential between petrol and diesel and electric vehicles.