



Formentera Council chief Jaume Ferrer and mobility secretary Rafael González introduced the team of individuals charged with overseeing metred parking in la Savina, Sant Francesc, Sant Ferran and es Pujols. The brigade —previously a three-person crew which, aside from a coordinator, recently took on eight new agents— will be stationed in la Mola on market days (Wednesday and Sunday evenings) and serve as a point of contact concerning rule changes in effect in es Cap de Barbaria.

The incoming attendants will spend the week in four separate training programmes —on interpersonal communication; municipal parking ordinances approved in last Friday's June plenary; the complexities of local law enforcement and the mechanics of the island's crane lorry; and the functioning of parking metres in designated “blue zones”.

Expanded metred parking system

Crews, who began installing new parking metres in Sant Ferran today, will proceed with similar operations in Sant Francesc and es Pujols. Secretary González said the equipment would be up and running in the first half of July.

When installation of the new metres is complete, drivers can park free of charge for up to 24 hours in the blue zones of Sant Francesc, Sant Ferran and es Pujols. Whether motorists are residents on the island or just visiting, they must obtain a ticket every day they park in one of the new metred areas. The pay-to-park system will start in August, with exceptions for residents and exempt vehicles (these drivers must still get a day ticket in order to park).

Mobility department welcomes incoming deputy director

The secretary seized the opportunity to welcome his department's newest deputy director, Jesús Villar, whom he explained would provide support for key initiatives within the mobility office such as limits on vehicles entering the island, Formentera's first-ever sustainable mobility strategy and tender of public transport contracts.