

RECORD OF AN URGENT DECISION BY AN OFFICER

1	DECISION TITLE	Suspension of Parking Charges	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None	
3	DATE OF DECISION	2 April 2020	
4	PLACE OF DECISION (if consultees present and/or place relevant)	Not Applicable	
5	DECISION MAKER	Interim Director (Highways & Streetscene)	
6	DECISION TAKEN	<p>(1) parking charges across the whole of the Borough be suspended; and</p> <p>(2) the suspension of parking charges takes effect as soon as is practicable and continues until 1st July 2020 or until such time as the Director of Delivery Services considers that the suspension is no longer required to meet community needs in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.</p>	
7	REASON(S) FOR DECISION	<p>Covid-19 virus urgent action. The Government has issued guidance that Key Workers should not be charged for parking and this decision supports this approach.</p> <p>Suspending parking charges across all areas would also go some way to assisting our residents in parking for free when accessing shops for food and essentials and may also help those businesses that are able to remain open to survive.</p>	
8	ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED	<p>a) Continue to monitor the current parking use and only suspend charges if demand falls below an agreed level.</p> <p>b) Suspend parking charges on the car parks only (maintain charges on-street, only applies to Birkenhead).</p> <p>c) Suspend parking charges on-street only (maintain the car park charges).</p> <p>These options would not fully meet the identified community needs in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.</p>	
9	KEY DECISION	<p>Yes</p> <p><i>Decision is >£500k or is significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards</i></p>	
(a)	<p><u>'Publicity'</u></p> <p><i>If 'Yes', was notice published on the Forward</i></p>	<p><u>'General Exception'</u></p> <p><i>If 'No', has notice been provided to the Chair of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee and</i></p>	<p><u>'Cases of Special Urgency'</u></p> <p><i>If 'No', the Chair of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee (or in their absence the Mayor) has agreed that the</i></p>

	<i>Plan at least 28 clear days before being made?</i> No	<i>published at least 5 clear days before being made?</i> No	<i>making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.</i>
(b)	<u>Call-In</u> <i>If 'Yes', what is the deadline for Call-In or has Call-In been removed?</i>	In the opinion of the decision maker, the decision is an urgent one in that any delay likely to be caused by the Call-In process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interest. The Chief Executive has agreed both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency. The decision is therefore not subject to Call-In.	
(c)	<u>Budget</u> <i>Is this spend contrary to the Council Budget?</i> Yes	<i>If Covid-19 related, Scrutiny Chairs have pre-agreed that any such decision is to be treated as a matter of urgency. Will be reported to Council in due course</i>	
10	DATE PUBLISHED	3 April 2020	
12	REPORT <i>Has any report (or part of the report) relevant to the decision been considered by the individual Member or officer?</i>	Yes <i>If 'Yes', the report (or part of the report), that is not exempt information, will afterwards be published alongside this Decision Notice.</i>	