

! Metropolitan Borough of Wirral

CALL-IN

Decision to be called in:

Date of decision:	09/07/2020
Decision maker:	Cabinet Member – Community Services
Decision details:	Reintroduction of car parking charges options

Reason(s) for call-in:

We request a review of the decision published 9 July 2020 to reintroduce parking charges at all off street and on street council facilities from Monday 3 August 2020 because:

While Wirral shops and small businesses in our retain areas have shared in the £63 million given to Wirral Council to support them, the economic recovery of the high street is not yet assured.

The medium-term impact of consumer demand shifting to online shopping has yet to be assessed or understood.

Many consumers remain understandably wary of a return to traditional means of shopping and reintroduction of charges will act as a further discouragement.

The justification for the decision is, itself, based on very rough estimates of potential income and loss of income to the Council.

The wider budget of the Council has yet to be reviewed or amended following the outbreak and so piecemeal budgetary decisions should be avoided.

This issue should be deferred until the new Committee system is in place from September, enabling the decision to be reached in public.

Called in by:

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