

! Metropolitan Borough of Wirral

CALL-IN

Decision to be called in:

Date of decision:	14/06/2021
Decision maker:	Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee
Decision:	Car Parking Charges Options Report

Reason(s) for call-in:

The following members wish to Call in the decision of the Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee with respect to the option 1 agreed by the committee relating to the introduction of car parking charges in the areas listed as Bromborough, Bebington, Irby, Hoylake, New Brighton, and 'etc'.

In so doing the following members believe that insufficient consideration has been given to

- I) the impact on local shops which have traded throughout the pandemic and those that have been opened since April 12th*
- II) the risk that passing trade which requires very short stays will be deterred from these local centres which are convenient to their communities and not always adequately served by public transport*
- III) the impact that the cost of the proposed charges will have on those people who are employed in not only those shops but other services that operate from premises in those areas*
- IV) the risk that customers will be diverted away from local centres and go to nearby retail parks, especially in the case of Bromborough*
- V) the likelihood that parking will be diverted from the car parks in the shopping areas to the detriment of the amenities of residents in the surrounding areas and side streets*
- VI) the limited detail made available about the extent of any traffic regulation orders that might come forward as part of the consultation process*

The decision review committee is further asked to explore whether the anticipated income from the standardised charges and coastal locations is likely to make a sufficient and substantial contribution to the income to justify the disruption it will cause to those local shopping centres.

This decision is a damaging step to the local businesses that, based on the income projections, does not have to be taken.

Councillor's Name	Signature
Cllr Phil Gilchrist	
Cllr Chris Carubia	
Cllr Dave Mitchell	
Cllr Ian Lewis	
Cllr Stuart Kelly	
Cllr Alan Brame	