

**DECISION NOTICE - CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY RELATED
Key Executive Decision taken by an OFFICER**

KEY DECISION Subject: CAR PARKING - VARIOUS

DECISION TAKER:

Name:

Job Title:

Signature:

Date:

REASON WHY THIS DECISION DID NOT APPEAR ON THE FORWARD PLAN AND THE URGENCY PROVISIONS WERE NOT FOLLOWED:

This key decision/decision outside the Council's Budget and Policy Framework was taken as part of the Council's emergency response to the national Coronavirus Emergency. Due to the necessary speed of decision taking at this time it was not possible to comply with the Council's Constitution that includes the requirement to give 28 days' notice of the decision to be taken; publish details 5 clear days before the decision was taken; publish the decision within 2 days of it being taken; and provide the 5 day call-in period before implementation. Nor was it possible to comply with the Urgency provisions in the Constitution

DECISIONS TAKEN:

1. Parking charges for all are suspended from the Pay & Display Bays on Corey's Mill Lane, by the Lister Hospital for an initial 3 months up to 6 months from the 24th of March 2020. Priority to be given for NHS staff
2. NHS staff can get an initial 3 months free seasons tickets for April-June for the town centre car parks. This could be extended from July – September 2020.
3. To provide a town centre car park (J) free for blue light services, social and care workers; and those volunteers supporting the Covid 19 response from the 9th of April to 1st September 2020.
4. To suspend public highway parking enforcement, save for Highway Safety up to 1st September 2020.

REASONS FOR DECISION:

1. The measures are designed to reduce the cost and therefore support

the staff and volunteers in these fields that are directly supporting the health and wellbeing response for our residents to the Covid 19 pandemic.

2. While there is no clear visibility at this stage to the end to or cure for this pandemic the measures are set to run until September 2020 when they can be reviewed.
3. The measures offer spaces for NHS workers at the hospital and in the town centre, where they will be working or travelling via.
4. The blue light services and volunteers offer is for those coming to the town centre to help.
5. The measures and those to stop on street parking environment are promoted by central government guidance and the parking industry best practice response to Covid 19.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED: None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

1. Given the expect drop of car park and on street parking income by 75%-90% for the next 3 – 6 months it is hard to qualify the additional impacts from these measures.
2. Following our announcement on free parking close to the hospital, the Hospital offered free parking to its staff (not everyone) at the Lister. This would have reduced the level of demand should charges have remained.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

The measures are a response to the government guidance on the Covid 19 pandemic and within the Council's gift to make.

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

These measure are designed to assist all Key workers during the Coronavirus emergency

CONSULTATIONS:

Executive and Group Leaders – concurred

SBC Strategic Leadership Team – concurred

Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

I agree that this decision was reasonable in all the circumstances, was urgent and could not reasonably be deferred

I further agree that any delay likely to be caused by the call -in process would prejudice the Council's or the public interest and that the decision should not therefore be subject to call-in.

Signed:

Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date:

**DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION: 23 March 2020/26 March
2020/ 9 April 2020**