

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Record of Executive Decision

RECORD OF URGENT DECISION ON CITY CENTRE PARKING FEES JUNE-AUGUST 2020
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Decision of: Councillor Massey, Executive Councillor for Transport and Community Safety.

Reference: 20/URGENCY/HSC/8

Date of decision: 22/05/20 **Published:** 04/06/20

Decision Type: Non Key

Matter for Decision: In March 2020, at the start of the pandemic, an Urgent Officer decision was taken in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Transport and Community Safety to approve a decision to freeze the planned Multi-Storey Car Park price rise planned for April 2020 until further notice, and further to provide free parking for key workers (as defined by Government at the time) in the light of the covid-19 pandemic. These arrangements were aligned with County plans on street and surface car park enforcement. These further arrangements were put in place until the end of May.

The arrangement now needs urgent review to meet previously agreed timescales. Alongside this, the unprecedented nature of the pandemic, the need for careful phasing of any easing of the lockdown, and detailed plans for re-opening the City Centre in the relevant way to support Staying Safe in Cambridge, and complying with Government Guidance, results in the need to review the proposals in themselves.

The attached paper addresses the need to ensure the relevant balance to support continued public health requirements whilst supporting businesses in their staged return to work.

Executive Councillor is recommended to agree the new arrangements, which include:

- Creation of free parking permits for public and voluntary sector key workers until the 31st August, and
- the provision of a City Centre Worker permit at a discounted rate for the same period, for city centre businesses returning to work until the 31st August

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):

The previous agreement ends on 31st May 2020, and it is important to get the new arrangements in place for 1st June, when the first phase of City Centre reopening is due to start.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s):

To approve the continued car parking arrangements.

Reasons for the decision:

As detailed in the Officers report attached.

Scrutiny consideration:

The Chair and Spokesperson of Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee were consulted prior to the action being authorised.

Comments were made by the Opposition Spokes which were addressed by the Strategic Director (Fiona Bryant)

Report:

Appendix 1 can be viewed at the link below:

<https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=SD1514&ID=1514&RPID=65851634>

Conflicts of interest:

None

Comments:

The decision will be reported back to the Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee on 30th June 2020.