

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport

Title	Car Parking Charges
Decision maker	Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	26 March 2021
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	<p>This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.</p> <p>This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.</p>
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	<p>To consider and approve new parking charges and hours of charging to apply in council car parks and on street pay and display.</p> <p>To continue with a review of parking operations, including cashless payment methods and service delivery.</p>
Decision	<p>That:</p> <p>(a) Parking charges and hours of operation of council car parks and on street pay and display are amended, as shown in appendix 3, to take effect on or after 3rd May 2021 are approved;</p>

	<p>(b) Officers to progress a further review of parking operations including cashless payment methods and service delivery, with the outcome of such review subject to a further decision to be delegated to the Director - Economy and Place, and</p> <p>(c) Authority is delegated, to the Director - Economy and Place to annually decide any parking concession offered for the Christmas period in consultation with the Cabinet Member - Infrastructure.</p>
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50034795</p>
Options considered	<p><u>A General increase to charges</u></p> <p>1. This is not being recommended as it does not lead to a simplification of parking charges which will be of benefit to drivers as outlined below.</p> <p><u>Do nothing</u></p> <p>2. This is not being recommended as this will result in the same charges continuing and will not resolve the issues explored during the countywide review of parking charges with the benefits of simplified charges. This would also not enable the increase in charges to be applied which will maintain the cost of parking relative to other sustainable modes of transports.</p> <p><u>Delay this decision or implementation</u></p> <p>3. This is not being recommended as it is essential that the benefits of better car parking management as outlined in this report are delivered in order to continue to deliver on the councils overall objectives.</p> <p><u>Reduce parking charges</u></p> <p>4. A reduction in parking charges is not being recommended as this is likely to result in an increase in the occupancy of parking spaces, which could be at the detriment of space availability and an increase in extraneous private vehicle traffic.</p> <p>5. Any reduction in parking charge income may have an effect on the council's ability to maintain current provision in highway maintenance and public transport.</p>
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	1 April 2021

Councillor:

Date 26 March 2021

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(Councillor John Harrington)

- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

and

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.