

## Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	On street Parking – Covid19 essential free parking
<b>Date of decision:</b>	12 June 2020
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Director Economy & Place
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	Directorate scheme of delegation: updated 20/05/20 Directorate: Economy and Place Technical Services Parking - paragraph 40, 41 and 42
<b>Ward:</b>	City
<b>Consultation:</b>	<u>Cabinet member – Infrastructure and Transport</u> Supports the decision to allow for essential visits to be made. <u>Cabinet member – Finance</u> Supports the decision, though has concerns around customers that are required to queue which may take them longer. <u>City ward member</u> Supports the decision based on the continued short term support that this offers for essential visits.
<b>Decision made:</b>	Parking for period of up to 30 minutes in on street pay and display in Hereford is free, until 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2020.
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	In response to covid-19, the council recognise that there may be some that are required to visit the city centre for essential reasons such as to visit pharmacies. On street pay and display parking provides for these essential services to be accessed. Drivers will not need to display a ticket for stays up to 30 minutes, with any other parking paid for.
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	<u>Risk</u> There is a risk that this will create difficulties with enforcement and these spaces become open to abuse. This is mitigated by this being temporary arrangement. <u>Financial</u> The estimated impact of this decision is £3.5K <u>Legal</u> Under usual circumstances a change to a parking tariff is made under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act by a Notice of Variation. Due to the timescale to implement, and the temporary nature of this free tariff, this process is not being followed. Rather than a formal tariff - after 30 minutes drivers are expected purchase a ticket from the machine.
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	Suspend on street car parking charges. This is not being approved as this is likely to create abuse of the parking spaces in the most central locations by those parking longer term resulting in a reduction of usable space by visitors that need to stop for essential reasons.
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

Signed..... Date: 12 June 2020