

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Free Parking at Kington Car Parks
Date of decision:	11 December 2020
Decision maker:	Assistant Director – Technical Services
Authority for delegated decision:	Hire of council car parks policy Economy and Place - Scheme of Delegation Section 40 Permission granted for the use of a car park for an event
Ward:	Kington
Consultation:	Ward Member – Kington – Cllr James Supports this decision being taken. Cabinet Member – Infrastructure and Transport Supports this decision being taken.
Decision made:	To approve the hire of Mill Street car park in Kington to Kington Town Council, in order for free parking to be promoted to visitors on the following dates; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 12th December 2020 • Saturday 19th December 2020 • Monday 21st December 2020 • Tuesday 22nd December 2020 • Wednesday 23rd December 2020 • Thursday 24th December 2020
Reasons for decision:	An agreed policy is in place that allows for car parks to be hired to an event organiser so that their event may be promoted as being free parking to the general public. Kington Town Council have requested to hire Mill Street car park on the dates listed above for their events around the Christmas period. This hire is charged to the Town Council at £246 (inc VAT), which in accordance with the current hire of car parks policy, recovers the expected income from the car park for this period. This decision approves this request. All other car park conditions of use will remain.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	There is a risk that other stakeholder groups may also request free parking in their respective localities, however the costs in other areas are considerably more owing to the fact there are more car parks, which are more densely used. This risk is mitigated by the agreed policy in place which handles such matters.

	<p>There are no legal considerations, as enforcement of the car park will not take place during the free parking periods.</p> <p>The rights for blue badge holders also remain unchanged.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>Not to approve request by Town Council.</p> <p>This is rejected as this would not support the Town Council in promoting the town over the Christmas period.</p>
Details of any declarations of interest made:	<p>None</p>



Signed:
Chris Jenner, Assistant Director Technical Services

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