

## Record of operational decision

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| <b>Decision title:</b>   | Use of Nelson Street car park for St James car club   |
| <b>Date of decision:</b>   | 29 April 2022   |
| <b>Decision maker:</b>   | Service Director, Highways and Transport  |
| <b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>                                     | Economy and Environment Scheme of Delegation (published 23/12/21)<br>Section 40, charges applicable in an off street car park.  |
| <b>Ward:</b>   | Central   |
| <b>Consultation:</b>   | Cabinet Member, Infrastructure and Transport (Cllr Harrington) – supportive of this decision.<br>Ward Member, Central (Cllr Milln) – as the request was initiated by Cllr Milln they are supportive.  |
| <b>Decision made:</b>  | That a parking space be provided to St James Car Club in Nelson Street car park so that their club vehicle may park free of charge.   |
| <b>Reasons for decision:</b>   | <p>The car club has historically found operational difficulties with finding a parking space within the residential parking area. This often results in the car being left by a user in a different place to which it was collected, then communication is needed to the next user to inform them where it is parked.</p> <p>In order to resolve this a dedicated parking space will now be allocated in Nelson Street off street car park, which is owned by the council.</p> <p>A charge is usually applied to ‘rent’ a space at this location (currently £480 per year), however due to there being many different users in the scheme applying this charge would be problematic. The only reasonable way would be to charge the car club for the space which would be cost prohibitive for the scheme.</p> <p>The council actively supports car clubs in the county, and has provided a parking space for the scheme in Kington. Therefore in waiving the small charge that would have applied with this decision the council can continue to support this car club scheme.</p> |
| <b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b> | <p>Legal – the conditions of the off street parking order will continue to be met by the issue of a permit for said car club vehicle. They will not be entitled to parking anywhere else with this permit.</p> <p>Finance – the loss of income from this decision is £480 per year and will be funded by existing car parking budgets.</p> <p>Risk – further requests for free parking will result in loss of income to the council. The rationale for this decision is outlined in this case; where there is no on street parking, and a nearby residential off street car park. Similar requests will be considered however this should become onerous on the council a policy position may need to be adopted in the future.</p>   |
| <b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>           | Request that the car club pay the costs for the parking space permit. This is rejected as it does not support the car club in providing those without access to a vehicle the opportunity.  |

**Details of any  
declarations  
of interest made:**

None.

Signed..... Date: