




RECORD OF OFFICER DELEGATED DECISIONS

TITLE:	Suspension of Car Parking Charges for shoppers (March 2021)
DECISION:	<p>To suspend short term parking charges for shoppers in designated Council off street car parks for <u>one (1) hour</u> from 1 March 2021 to 31 March 2021 inclusive.</p> <p>Lost income resulting from this decision will be met from the Council's Funding Volatility Reserve.</p> <p>Suspending short term parking charges in relation to this decision means providing ONE (1) hour 'free' parking for shoppers in designated Council off street car parks. Such 'free' period being strictly subject to the display of a relevant parking ticket and compliance with all other notified parking requirements.</p>
DECISION MADE BY:	Assistant Director, Assets.
DATE DECISION MADE:	28 February 2020
REASON FOR DECISION:	<p>This decision to suspend short term parking charges for shoppers has been made in response to the significant and ongoing impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The one hour free parking initiative is an incentive to encourage people to come to Boston to shop, eat out and spend locally in order to provide a much needed support to the economy and to help and support local businesses during these unprecedented times.</p> <p>The decision follows the Delegated Decision dated 26 June 2020 to provide 2.5 hours free shopper parking. The suspension of short term parking charges for shoppers will remain subject to a monthly review.</p> <p>This decision has been made following consultation with and instruction from the Portfolio Holder and other Cabinet members.</p>
DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:	To reintroduce parking charges for visitors and shoppers.
AUTHORITY FOR DECISION:	<p>The authority of this decision is set out within the Council's Corporate Charging Policy 2020/21 adopted by Council on Monday 2 March 2020. Bullet 17 sets out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>In accordance with business need fees and charges can be amended as agreed by the respective Portfolio Holder, Corporate Management Team member, Head of Service and the Section 151 Officer (or Deputy Section 151 Officer) in</i>

	<i>exceptional circumstances and reported to Cabinet retrospectively.</i>	
	This decision has been made following consultation and sanction from the Portfolio Holder and Cabinet members.	
SUPPORTING PAPERS:	N/A	
OFFICER/COUNCILLOR INTERESTS DECLARED:	None.	
CONTACT PERSON:	Andy Fisher	Telephone number: 01205 314200
SIGNATURE		Date: 28 February 2021.

Notes: When the decision has been made the relevant officer should complete the report within 14 days and send it to Democratic Services for publication on the Council's website in accordance with the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014.