



COUNCIL – 19TH JANUARY 2021

SUBJECT: CAR PARKING CHARGES

REPORT BY: INTERIM CORPORATE DIRECTOR – COMMUNITIES

- 1.1 The attached report was considered as an urgent item by Cabinet on 9th December 2020.
- 1.2 The Constitution requires that any decision taken as a matter of urgency must be reported to the next available meeting of Council, giving the reasons for its urgency. Therefore, the report is presented to Council for Members' information.
- 1.3 The report provided Cabinet with an update on the latest position with the Economic impact on town centres caused by the coronavirus pandemic and to recommend further free car parking to support the local economy. It was noted that supporting town centres is a key feature of the Council's over-arching regeneration strategy (A Foundation for Success) and the Area Regeneration Masterplans that sit under the over-arching strategy.
- 1.4 Recent Welsh Government announcements on restrictions for the hospitality sector have placed further pressure on the high street where the economic position remains extremely challenging. On 17th June 2020 the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, Cabinet Members and Acting Section 151 Officer took a delegated powers decision to temporarily suspend car parking charges until 31st December 2020 as part of the Covid economic recovery plan. In light of the continued economic challenges and continued imposition of trading restriction this report therefore seeks urgent Cabinet approval to further extend the temporary suspension of car parking charges until 31st March 2021.
- 1.5 The recommendations of the report were considered and approved by Cabinet.
- 1.6 Members are asked to note the recommendations of the report and Cabinet decision.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Report to Cabinet on 9th December 2020