

Report Title:	Urgent Decision Report: (Covid-19 Recovery: Parking Concession to Support Retail and Town Centre Reopening)
Contains Confidential or Exempt Information?	No - Part I
Member reporting:	Councillor Cannon – Lead Member Public Protection and Parking (on behalf of Cabinet)
Meeting and Date:	Full Council, 23 June 2020
Responsible Officer(s):	Hilary Hall – Director of Adults, Health and Commissioning
Wards affected:	All

REPORT SUMMARY

Cabinet considered an urgent report on 12th June 2020 pertaining to the short-term introduction of free parking for residents to support the reopening of town centres (which formed part of the Covid-19 recovery planning).

The reason the decision was urgent and hence not subject to call-in is due to the wish to introduce the revised scheme by Monday 15 June in line with shops reopening. The Mayor, in the absence of an appointed Chairman of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel, agreed that any delay would not be in the public interest.

In line with Part 3B, Paragraph 4b) of the constitution (Urgent Decisions Outside the Budget or Policy Framework) there is a requirement for the decision taker to provide a full report to the next available Council meeting explaining the decision, the reasons for it and why the decision was treated as matter of urgency. Hence, this report to Council.

1. DETAILS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION: That in line with Part 3B, Paragraph Section 4b of the Constitution (Urgent Decisions Outside the Budget or Policy Framework) Council notes the urgent decision taken by Cabinet on 12th June 2020

2. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION(S) AND OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Cabinet considered an urgent report on 12th June 2020 pertaining to the short-term introduction of free parking for residents to support the reopening of town centres (which formed part of the Covid-19 recovery planning) full report available at Appendix A.
- 2.2 It was resolved unanimously: *‘...that Cabinet notes the report and approves the implementation of free parking of up to 3-hours for Advantage Card holders in all Royal Borough operated car parks from 15th June 2020 to 13th July 2020 (inclusive)...’*
- 2.3 The reason the decision was urgent and hence not subject to call-in is due to the wish to introduce the revised scheme by Monday 15 June in line with shops opening, any delay would miss the reopening. The Mayor, in the absence of the

relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel, agreed that any delay would not be in the public interest.

- 2.4 In line with the Part 3B, Paragraph 4b of the constitution (Urgent Decisions Outside the Budget or Policy Framework) there is a requirement for the decision taker to provide a full report to the next available Council meeting explaining the decision, the reasons for it and why the decision was treated as matter of urgency.

3. **KEY IMPLICATIONS** – Details included in the appendix.

APPENDICES – [Cabinet Report \(12th June 2020\) and minutes](#)

4. **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** None

5. **CONSULTATION (MANDATORY)**

Name of consultee	Post held and Department	Date sent	Date received
Cllr Cannon	Lead Member for Public Protection & Parking	22/06/20	22/06/20
Duncan Sharkey	Managing Director	19/06/20	19/06/20
Adele Taylor	Director of Resources /Section 151 Officer	19/06/20	19/06/20
Hilary Hall	Director of Adults, Health and Commissioning	19/06/20	19/06/20
Elaine Browne	Team Leader, Contracts & Employment Team, Solicitor	19/06/20	19/06/20
Response received from Mary Severin	Monitoring Officer		
Louisa Dean	Communications	19/06/20	19/06/20
Karen Shepherd	Head of Governance	19/06/20	19/06/20

REPORT HISTORY

Decision type: For information	Urgency item? No	To Follow item? Yes
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