



DECISION TAKEN BY OFFICER UNDER PARAGRAPH 13(4) OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS) (MEETINGS AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012

Name of Officer	Russell O'Keefe
Position of Officer	Chief Executive
Service Area	N/A

Title of Decision	Cessation of Car Parking Charges at Bell Street Car Park
Date of Decision	10 August 2023
Is it a Key Decision?	No

Appendix	N/A
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Exempt or Confidential Information

It is considered that information contained within this decision does not contain exempt information under the meaning of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and therefore can be made public.

Glossary of terms

Term	Definition

Background to decision:

The Council consulted on a proposed tariff for the Bell Street car park in Whitchurch in early 2022. However, following consultation the tariff was changed to provide a free 1 hour parking session and parking charging then started in May 2023.

Authority to make the decision:

The Chief Executive has authority to make this decision under Part 3 paragraph 2.10 (14) of the Constitution.

Reason for Decision:

Cabinet have decided that following feedback and review of how the policy is working that they wish to stop charging at the car park.

Report/Information considered:

Legal	No issues identified.
Finance	Estimated loss of income of £29k per annum.
Risk Management	No issues identified.
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	Positive as will provide free parking for all.
Consultation and communication	Decision to be communicated.
Climate Change and Ecological	This may encourage greater car use although the Council will continue to encourage people to walk, cycle or use public transport where possible.
HR	No issues identified.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

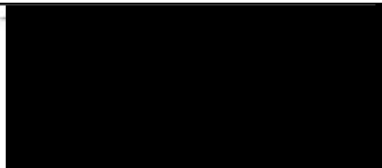
1. Continue charging at Bell Street
2. Continue charging but with different tariff arrangements.

Decision:

To remove car park charging at Bell Street.

Record of any conflict of interest declared by any cabinet member who was consulted by the decision maker:

There are no such conflicts of interest.

Signed:	
Name:	Russell O'Keefe
Job title:	Chief Executive
Dated:	20 October 2023