



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 Eastrop Car Park
Date of Decision	18 July 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 proposal to introduce charges at Eastrop Park was approved at council as part of the 2021/2022 Budget.

Following this decision two public consultations were carried out in relation to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for Eastrop Park which set out the proposed tariff. The reasons for introducing charging were set out in the proposed TRO. In response to the public consultation responses and a petition received at full council the Cabinet Member made a decision to introduce a free 2 hour parking period in March 2022 (click [HERE](#) for report).

Parking charges were then introduced at Eastrop Park in October 2022.

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 from the public and review of how the policy is working that they wish to stop charging

Report/Information considered:

Legal	No issues identified.
Finance	Estimated loss of income of £30k 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 will continue to
HR	No issues identified.

Alternative options considered and rejected:


1. Continue charging at Eastrop Park
2. Continue charging but with a longer free period.

Decision:

To remove car park charging at Eastrop Park.

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:	10 August 2023