

Decision Notice

Decision Taken Between Meetings

Decision No:	DPH02
Subject:	CHARGES FOR PARKING DURING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PERIOD
Notification Date:	21 December 2020
Implementation Date:	22 December 2020
Decision taken by:	Councillor Nigel Collor, Portfolio Holder for Transport, Licensing and Community
Delegated Authority:	Paragraph 12 of Section 3C (Responsibility for Executive Functions) of the Constitution
Decision Type:	Executive Key Decision
Call-In to Apply?	No (<i>the Chairman of the Council has agreed to suspend call-in for the reasons set out in paragraph 1.5</i>)
Classification:	Unrestricted

Reason for the Decision:	To provide support to local businesses Dover District Council is proposing to offer free parking in its car parks for ten days over the key Christmas period, from 22 to 28 December 2020 (inclusive) and from 1 to 3 January 2021 (inclusive).
Decision:	To agree to the proposal to offer free parking in its car parks for ten days over the key Christmas period, from 22 to 28 December 2020 (inclusive) and from 1 to 3 January 2021 (inclusive).

1. Consideration and Alternatives

- 1.1 To support local businesses, Dover District Council will be offering free car parking in its off-street car parks from 22 to 28 December 2020 (inclusive) and from 1 to 3 January 2021 (inclusive). Many DDC car parks are located in the heart of town centres which are convenient for local shops. On-street parking charges will still apply.
- 1.2 This seeks to support the local business community recognising that this time of year is particularly important for independent traders on the high street. It is hoped that this initiative will go some way to promoting increased trade in our town centres. DDC wants more people to recognise the value, quality and choice that local, independent traders provide.
- 1.3 This proposal is a repeat of similar arrangements that have been offered in previous years and has been well received by both local businesses and their customers. This has presented many benefits to the local town centre whilst having a minimal impact on the Council's purse.
- 1.4 It should be noted that parking charges will still apply in the Samphire Hoe, Deal and Walmer Castle car parks. All other parking restrictions, like yellow lines, will continue to be enforced throughout the district.
- 1.5 The Chairman of the Council has agreed to suspend call-in as the decision will come into effect on 22 December. That said, these arrangements have been somewhat

overtaken by events following the Government's announcement on 19 December that Kent would become a Tier 4 area.

2. **Any Conflicts of Interest Declared?**

2.1 None.

3. **Supporting Information**

3.1 None.