

RUNNYMEDE BOROUGH COUNCIL

CONSULTATION WITH APPROPRIATE CHAIRMAN AND VICE- CHAIRMAN FOR URGENT ACTION TO BE TAKEN UNDER STANDING ORDER 42

TO: Councillors
Chairman and Vice- Chairman of the Corporate Management Committee

FROM: Linda Norman

OFFICER REFERENCE: Jubilee Weekend Parking **DATE:** 23.04.22

1. Synopsis of report:

To approve the suspension of parking charges across all council owned car parks for the Jubilee weekend; 2 June 2022 to 5 June 2022. This will enable the public to attend Jubilee celebrations and street parties without the need to pay for off street parking and will mitigate any congestion around the borough following road closures approved for Jubilee celebrations. The potential loss of income to the Council would be approximately £5000 but as this is once in a generation event, the Council wishes to support residents in celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

2. Reasons why this matter cannot wait for a Committee Decision. (Please state if agreement of Chairman and Vice-Chairman required within 24 hours, and why)

The Council wishes to publicise the suspension to assist residents with the planning of their Jubilee events so that organisers will be able to factor in parking requirements to maximise the number of residents wishing to attend their events. The next meeting of Corporate Management Committee is not until 26 May 2022 which will give Street Party organisers very little time to incorporate this opportunity into their plans or for the Council to promote the suspension of parking for this auspicious occasion.

3. Recommendation(s)

To approve the suspension of parking charges across a council owned car parks for the Jubilee weekend; 2 June 2022 to 5 June 2022.

4. Context of report

A request was received by Councillor Mullens as to whether the Council would consider free parking in Hummer Road on Thursday 2 June 2022 to accommodate a street party to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Parking in the vicinity is limited and by offering free parking, this would ensure many more residents could attend without causing congestion around the surrounding roads.

Officers looked at the wider implications of this request as the Council were aware that many residents were planning to hold street parties and were expecting a large number of road closure requests to facilitate these parties. As of 21 April 2022, 60 applications have been received.

Analysis of income received from council owned car parks suggests a maximum potential loss of approximately £5000 over the four days but as this is a once in a generation event, where many residents wish to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, officers feel this is an acceptable cost to the Council to support these community events.

5. **Report and, where applicable, options considered**

Officers considered the following options prior to coming to a decision:

- To suspend parking in Hummer Road car park to facilitate the Street party being organised in the vicinity
- To offer visitor parking permits in Hummer Road at £2.00 a day parking to facilitate guests wanting to attend the street party
- **To suspend parking across all council owned car parks to support Jubilee celebrations and reduce on-street parking congestion for the bank holiday weekend**

Officers concluded that the simplest and most efficient option would be to suspend parking charges across all council owned car parks so that all residents could benefit from this opportunity at minimal cost to the Council.

6. **Policy framework implications**

- This will reduce congestion around the borough where on-street parking is limited and mitigate any safety issues from dangerous parking where road closures are in force
- Underpins the Council's Corporate theme of 'Supporting Local People'

7. **Financial and Resource implications (where practicable)**

Resource implications of suggested course of action:-

- There is a maximum potential loss of income of approximately £5000 by suspending parking charges across the four days. However, this income is not necessarily guaranteed and by suspending parking charges for the period in question, will ensure the maximum number of residents can celebrate the Queen's Jubilee without impacting on road safety with illegal or unsafe parking.

8. **Legal implications**

There are no legal implications. The Council as the owner of the land used for off-street parking can amend or suspend parking charges as appropriate as part of the Council's Off street parking orders.

9. **Equality implications**

By suspending parking charges across all council owned car parks will not negatively impact on any residents with protected characteristics and disabled bays will be available as normal.

10. **Other implications (Environmental/biodiversity/ sustainability must be addressed)**

By allowing residents to park free of charge that weekend, will ensure road safety is not compromised in congested areas where parking is limited or roads are narrow.

11. **Background papers**

There are none

12. **Chief Officer(s) Decision**

Signature of authorised officerLinda Norman.....



I have been consulted and am in agreement with the above

Signature(s) and position(s) of other relevant Chief Officer, Corporate Heads or authorised representatives

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NB: this must include the Assistant Chief Executive or his authorised representative where the decision involves expenditure, loss of income, or future implications for budget or financial forecast.

13. **Chief Executive's Decision**

Signature of Chief Executive

I have been consulted and am in agreement with the above

14. **Chairman and Vice-Chairman Comments**

I concur in the Chief Officer's decision

Signed _____

Date _____

Signed _____

Date _____

I have the following further comments:

Further information may be obtained from _____ on Ext. _____ .

The completed copy is to be returned by the Councillors to the Corporate Head of Law and Governance (Democratic Services) who will send a copy to the Chief Officer and report to the relevant Committee for information.