ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL

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DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

22 NOVEMBER 2012

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF OFF STREET PARKING CHARGES DURING THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD - (20 - 24 DECEMBER 2012) AND DURING THE HELENSBURGH CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL - (30 NOVEMBER - 2 DECEMBER 2012)

1. SUMMARY

This report seeks approval from Council for the suspension of parking charges, across all areas of Argyll and Bute during the 5 day period up to and including Christmas Eve, 20 – 24 December 2012, inclusive. This report also seeks approval from Council for the suspension of parking charges in Helensburgh car parks for 30 November, 1 December and 2 December for the Helensburgh Winter Festival.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council instructs the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure to suspend parking charges on off street car parks across all areas of Argyll and Bute during the 5 day period up to and including Christmas Eve and between 30 November and 2 December for the Helensburgh Winter Festival.

3. DETAILS

- 3.1 Argyll and Bute Council operate a number of pay and display car parks. It is proposed that car park charges are suspended for a 5 day period up to and including Christmas Eve, 20 24 December 2012, inclusive. The suspension is proposed in support of local businesses, given the current financial climate.
- 3.2 Car Park Policies are currently being revised and it is proposed that the 5 day Christmas exemption is included as policy going forward.
- 3.3 The estimated loss in car parking revenue is estimated not to exceed £10,000. The suspension of charges is considered to provide an overall benefit to local economy.
- 3.4 No difficulties transpired or were reported as a result of similar requests in previous years and it is unlikely to cause traffic problems.

4. IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Policy

It is proposed that the Parking Policy will reflect these arrangements

4.2	Financial	Loss of income from suspended parking charges is estimated not to exceed £10,000.
4.3	Legal	Display notices in Council parking areas, advising of the suspension of charges.
4.4	HR	n/a
5.5	Equalities	n/a
5.6	Risk	n/a
5.7	Customer Services	n/a

Executive Director of Director of Development and Infrastructure 16 November 2012

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