

**TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF OFF STREET PARKING CHARGES DURING THE
CHRISTMAS PERIOD AND DURING THE HELENSBURGH CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
AND THE OBAN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks approval from Policy and Resources Committee 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.
- 1.2 This report also seeks approval from Policy and Resources Committee for the suspension of parking charges in Helensburgh car parks for the Helensburgh Winter Festival (21 – 30 November) and in Oban for the Oban Winter Festival (14 November – 23 November).

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Argyll and Bute Council operate a number of pay and display car parks. This report proposes to suspend charging at car parks over the run-up to the festive season. Dates and locations for suspension of charges are detailed below.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Policy and Resources Committee 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, between 21 - 30 November for the Helensburgh Winter Festival and between 14 – 23 November for the Oban Winter Festival.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 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 2014, inclusive in Helensburgh car parks between 21 – 30 November for the Helensburgh Winter Festival and in Oban car parks between 14 - 23 November . The suspension is proposed in support of local businesses, given the current financial climate.
- 4.2 Car Park Policies are currently being revised and it is proposed that the 5 day Christmas exemption is included as policy going forward.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 No difficulties transpired or were reported as a result of similar requests in previous years and it is unlikely to cause traffic problems.

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 This report seeks approval from Policy and Resources Committee 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.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1	Policy	It is proposed that the Parking Policy will reflect these arrangements
6.2	Financial	Loss of income from suspended parking charges is estimated not to exceed £10,000.
6.3	Legal	Display notices in Council parking areas, advising of the suspension of charges.
6.4	HR	None
6.5	Equalities	None
6.6	Risk	None
6.7	Customer Services	None

Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure

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