

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURES

Subject: Cashless payment option for parking via mobile phone

Brief Statement of Subject Matter:

Members are requested to approve the installation of the 'pay on phone' provision within its pay and display carparks to enable parkers to pay without the need to handle cash and that they delegate authority to officers to enter into the necessary contract arrangements to enable this facility as soon as practicable.

Decision: Cabinet

Date: 11th June 2020

RESOLVED:

- a) that Members agree to the installation of 'Pay on Phone' provision within its pay and display carparks and;
- b) that they delegate to the Head of Environmental Services authority to enter into a contract within the Councils agreed procurement framework to enable this to be provided as soon as is practicable.

Grounds for Urgency:

Currently, within Bromsgrove there are only two ways to pay for parking in our 'Pay and Display' car parks, this is either purchase the ticket from the machine with cash, or purchase a permit from the Customer Service Centre.

Due to the COVID 19 recommendations that everyone should reduce the handling of cash, it is proposed that to improve the Health and Safety of the public a cashless option to pay for car parking on our Pay and Display car parks is introduced.

There are no direct financial implications for the authority signing up to this type of pay by phone solution. As part of consideration within the procurement framework, officers will ensure the banking transactional costs will be of the best value to the Council. It is anticipated these will be offset by the reduction in the cost of processing cash.

Such cashless solutions operate by charging the customer a surcharge for using their system. They would also charge the for text reminders. All of these conditions are explained and signed up to by the customer when they load the phone application.

The selection of a supplier will be via the ESPO framework and this has already been discussed with our procurement team and we can direct award with a compliant contract.

To enable the Council to start charging for parking this solution needs to be implemented as soon as possible hence the request for an urgent decision.

DECISION APPROVED BY:

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S Hanley - Deputy Chief Executive

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J Pickering - Section 151 Officer

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C Felton - Monitoring Officer

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K May - Leader

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M Thompson
Chairman, Overview & Scrutiny Board

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R Laight - Chairman

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