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| **Portfolio Holder** | **Record of** | **Date** |
| Cabinet Member (Planning, Business Support and Regeneration) | Executive Member Decision | 15 Sept 2021 |



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| Is this report confidential? | No  |

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| Is this decision key? | No |

# Request for suspension of car parking charges

## Purpose of the Report

1. It is proposed to suspend parking charges and close Ecroyd Street Car Park, Leyland on Saturday 25th September 2021 to enable the car park to be used for stalls taking part in the Taste of Leyland Food Festival event.

## Recommendations

1. Closure of the car park for the day (Saturday, 25th September 2021) to allow the Taste event to take place.

## Reasons for recommendations

1. The car park was closed in 2019 for the event and the event considered a success. As we wish to follow the same structure of the 2019 event. It will also allow for bigger spread of people across the event site.

## Other options considered and rejected

1. Previous to 2019 the event was held on Balfour Court and the land next to Leyland market, in 2019 Balfour court use was refused by the landowner.
2. Hough Lane was considered but road closure permission would be difficult at a late stage and the event may not be large enough to warrant closing the road.

## Corporate priorities

1. The report relates to the following corporate priorities: (Please bold all those applicable)

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| An exemplary council | Thriving communities |
| **A fair local economy that works for everyone** | Good homes, green spaces, healthy places |

## Background to the report

1. A Taste of Leyland event was held on the Ecroyd Street Car Park in 2019 following approval to close the car park for the day. It is estimated that the car park income lost for the day will be in the region of £70.
2. A Taste of Leyland showcases not only Leyland Market and surrounding traders but also mobile traders and business from across the borough. The event is even more important to support these businesses and traders post Covid and to attract more visitors into the town.

## Climate change and air quality

1. The work noted in this report does not impact the climate change and sustainability targets of the Councils Green Agenda and all environmental considerations are in place.

## Equality and diversity

1. There are no implications arising from this report.

## Risk

1. No risks identified.

## Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

1. As detailed in the report, the loss of income for the one day closure is immaterial to the Council’s budget.

## Comments of the Monitoring Officer

1. There are no concerns from a Monitoring Officer perspective.

Background documents

There are no background papers to this report.

## Appendices

None.

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Following careful consideration and assessment of the contents of this report, I approve the recommendation(s) contained within this report in accordance with my delegated power to make executive decisions.

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| Signed: | Councillor Bill Evans |
|  | *Cabinet Member (Planning, Business Support and Regeneration)* |
| Date: | 15.9.2021 |
| Publication Date (DSO use only): | 16.9.2021 |

This decision will come into force and may be implemented five working days after its publication date, subject to being called in in accordance with the Council’s Constitution.