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**To: LEADERSHIP BOARD**

**On: 16 September 2020**

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**Report by: Director of Environment & Infrastructure**

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**Heading: CAR PARKING IN PAISLEY TOWN CENTRE**

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## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 At the Leadership Board of 20 February 2020, it was agreed to extend the 3 hour period of free parking in 5 car parks in Paisley Town Centre for a further 6 months, to the end of August 2020 to allow further data gathering and evaluation, with a report being brought back to a future meeting of the Leadership Board to inform future car parking policy in Paisley Town Centre.
- 1.2 Between 27<sup>th</sup> March and 17<sup>th</sup> August, car parking charges were temporarily suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic to support key workers. As a result of this temporary suspension the pilot did not operate and therefore no data or evaluation of the pilot could be undertaken.
- 1.3 With the temporary suspension of car parking charges in Paisley Town Centre having ended, this paper sets out to extend the pilot for a further period of 6 months to able the recommendations agreed to in the Leadership board paper of February 2020 to be implemented in full.
- 1.4 The restart of the pilot will gather data on car park usage and visitor patterns, which will be taken to the Paisley Town Centre Car Parking Working group for consideration. The COVID 19 pandemic has changed how our high streets are operating at this time and the data captured through the pilot period will also feed into the work being undertaken as part of the wider economic recovery plan.

## 2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Leadership Board:

- 2.1 Notes that the extension of 3 hours free car parking in 5 car parks in Paisley Town Centre was unable to be undertaken due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2.2 Agree to extend the pilot for a further 6 months to allow a calendar year worth of data to be gathered and evaluated for the economic, financial and transportation impact of the car parking pilot, with a report being brought back to a future Leadership Board to inform future car parking policy in Paisley Town Centre

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### **Implications of the Report**

1. **Financial** – The loss of parking income from the 5 cars participating in the pilot is being funded from existing resources to support regeneration and development activities in the Town Centre.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** - *None*
3. **Community Planning**  
**Reshaping our place, our economy and our future** – The pilot seeks to support the economic growth of Paisley Town Centre
4. **Legal** - *None*
5. **Property/Assets** – Investment in parking meter infrastructure.
6. **Information Technology** – New infrastructure technology piloted
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report
8. **Health & Safety** – *None*
9. **Procurement**– *None*
10. **Risk** – *None*
11. **Privacy Impact** – *None*
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – *None*

13. **Climate** - *None*

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**List of Background Papers**

- (a) Leadership Board report of February 2020 – Review of Car Parking in Paisley Town Centre.

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