

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF MEMBER DELEGATED DECISION

PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE PARKING CHARGES AT WORCESTER WOODS COUNTRY PARK

Date Of Decision	21 November 2018
Decision Maker	Mrs L C Hodgson, Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Communities
Brief Description Of Decision	<p>The Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Communities:</p> <p>(a) approved the introduction of parking charges at Worcester Woods Country Park across 208 spaces, including 9 disabled spaces (i.e. the whole of the Countryside Centre car park);</p> <p>(b) noted the wider campus parking considerations; and</p> <p>(c) authorised the Director of Children, Families and Communities in consultation with the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Communities to finalise the details of charging at Worcester Woods Country Park including the level of charges and to take all appropriate steps to implement the agreed proposal and to review the charges annually.</p>
Reason(s) For Decision	<p>As set out in the report.</p> <p>Worcester Woods Country Park is an award-winning facility that is extremely popular with visitors (over 600,000 visits annually). Most sites with a similar range of facilities around the county currently either charge for entry or charge for car parking. It would not be desirable (or possible) to levy an entry charge to use the Country Park and this proposal would mean that the Country Park itself remains free to use to visitors - it is only parking a vehicle which would incur a charge. The Country Park is well served by bus and is on the local cycleway network.</p> <p>The Countryside Greenspace Team would be fully self-financing (excluding recharges), generating up to £140,000 annually from car parking charges.</p>

<p>Alternative Options Considered And Rejected</p>	<p>As set out in the report.</p> <p>Not introduce car parking charges. This option has been rejected as it would create an additional financial burden for the County Council.</p> <p>Introducing a charge for the Country Park. This option is not feasible as the Country Park has numerous entry points and there is no way of collecting money.</p>
<p>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/any dispensation granted</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Signature of Decision Maker</p>	<p>Mrs L C Hodgson</p>
<p>Date of Implementation of Decision</p>	<p>28 November 2018</p>