




RECORD OF OFFICER DELEGATED DECISIONS

TITLE:	Derogation of the Bus Station Departure Fee.
DECISION:	To waive the 35 pence departure fee for Boston In To Town busses departing the Bus Station from 1 September 2024 as a direct consequence of ceasing to transit through the Strait Bargate Pedestrian Area and diverting their routes from 1 September 2024.
DECISION MADE BY:	Joint Deputy Chief Executive, Programme Delivery and Assistant Director, General Fund Assets.
DATE DECISION MADE:	21 August 2024.
REASON FOR DECISION:	The Council has negotiated the cessation of the Boston In To Town bus service driving through the Strait Bargate pedestrian precinct; in diverting the route of those busses, the commissioned operator would incur additional costs for using Boston Bus Station that were not factored into the commissioning process. It is therefore reasonable, justified and proportionate to waive the departure fee for all busses having to use the Bus Station as a direct consequence of route diversion.
DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:	Not to waive fees. Not considered appropriate as retaining them would not enable the cessation of busses driving through the Strait Bargate Pedestrian Precinct.
AUTHORITY FOR DECISION:	<p>The authority of this decision is set out within the Council's Corporate Charging Policy 2020/21 adopted by Council on Monday 2 March 2020 that has not been superceded. Bullet 17 sets out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>In accordance with business need fees and charges can be amended as agreed by the respective Portfolio Holder, Corporate Management Team member, Head of Service and the Section 151 Officer (or Deputy Section 151 Officer) in exceptional circumstances and reported to Cabinet retrospectively.</i> <p>This decision has been made following consultation and sanction from the Portfolio Holder and Cabinet members.</p>
SUPPORTING PAPERS:	N/A

OFFICER/COUNCILLOR INTERESTS DECLARED:	None.	
CONTACT PERSON:	Andy Fisher	Telephone number: 01205 314200
SIGNATURE		Date: 21 August 2024.

Notes: When the decision has been made the relevant officer should complete the report within 14 days and send it to Democratic Services for publication on the Council's website in accordance with the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014.