

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER EMERGENCY POWERS**

<b>Decision No:</b>	<b>D200010EM</b>
<b>Decision Taken By:</b>	Leader of the Borough Council
<b>Authority under which Decision Taken:</b>	Emergency provisions for decision making during a period of serious and unexpected disruption under Part 7 of the Constitution.
<b>Decision Type:</b>	Executive Key Decision
<b>Date:</b>	12 May 2020

<b>Decision(s) and Reason(s)</b>
<b>Reopening of Car Parks and Toilet Facilities at the Country Parks</b>
<p>In a direct response to the Covid-19 virus, and in accordance with Government policy for people to ‘Stay at Home, the Borough Council closed the main car parks, toilets and catering facilities at both Haysden and Leybourne Lakes Country Parks on 25 March 2020.</p> <p>On 11th May 2020 new guidance was published and the Government’s policy changed to ‘Stay Alert’ and encouraged people to exercise more in the outdoors.</p> <p>In considering the revised guidance, it was noted that people might drive to outdoor spaces irrespective of distance. It was considered appropriate to reopen the car parks at both Country Parks and for existing car parking charges to be applied. In addition, it was considered essential to reopen the toilet facilities at both Country Parks to enable good hand hygiene to be maintained.</p>
<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That</p> <p>(1) delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive and Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services, in liaison with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities to reopen the car parks and toilet facilities at both Haysden and Leybourne Lakes Country Parks; and</p> <p>(2) existing car parking charges be applied with immediate effect.</p>
<p>Taken in accordance with the Emergency Provisions set out at Part 7 Paragraph 1.3 of the Constitution and in agreement with the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p>

Signed Leader: N Heslop

Signed Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee: J Sergison

Signed Chief Executive: J Beilby

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This decision is urgent and therefore not subject to call-in (in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rule 15 (i) as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution) and may be implemented immediately.