

<b>Title of Report:</b>  <b>Off-street Car Parking – Non-charging</b>	<b>Officer Presenting: Head of Business</b>  <b>Author: Investment Manager</b>
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## **1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations**

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 Parking charges normally apply in all off-street and on-street controlled parking zones (Belfast, Lisburn and Newry).
- 2.2 There were five non-charging days were specified in parking bye-laws: Easter Monday, July 12 and 13 (or days in lieu) and December 25 and 26 (or a day in lieu). New Year’s Day (or a day in lieu) has also become a non-charging day over the years although not in legislation.
- 2.3 Derry City and Strabane District Council currently operates the same six non-charging dates were in line with Dept. for Infrastructure.

## **3 Key Issues**

- 3.1 The Dept. for Infrastructure (DfI) takes responsibility for the parking enforcement for both on-street and council’s off-street car-parks. On-the-ground enforcement for both on-street and off-street is provided by DfI’s contractor, currently NSL Services Group (NSL) who employ the traffic attendants.
- 3.2 In line with regional charging Council has added St Patrick’s Day to the list of non-charge/enforcing days for on-street charged parking zones and its 3 Belfast Park and Ride car parks. Parking restrictions still apply on all non-charge/enforcement days..

#### **4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement, Rural Needs and other Implications**

- 4.1 Potential loss of car-park revenue by inclusion of additional non-charge/enforcing day however savings from non-deployment of Traffic Attendants on that day and the Council Area would be aligned with the Dept. of Infrastructure's policy.

#### **5 Recommendations**

- 5.1 Members note the inclusion of St Patrick's Day as a non-charge/enforcing day for Derry City and Strabane District Council's off-street car-parks.

#### **Background Papers**

None