



**REPORT of  
RE-SET AND RECOVERY WORKING GROUP**

---

**to  
ANNUAL COUNCIL  
5 NOVEMBER 2020**

**ADDENDUM**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.21: COVID-19 ECONOMIC RECOVERY - CAR PARKING**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 Since drafting the report to the Council regarding support to local businesses through the provision of free car parking times, the Government has announced a new National Lockdown which commenced today, 5 November and will run to 2 December 2020.
- 1.2 Specific days were identified during November and December to apply free parking periods and these can be found at section 3.1.2 of the main report. Clearly the National Lockdown and closure of the hospitality sector and non-essential retail activity may impact upon the benefit of free parking to local business.
- 1.3 To reflect the above it is suggested the Director of Service Delivery be given the flexibility to change the six dates if necessary. Any changes would be in consultation with local business to ensure maximum benefit is achieved. The flexibility could also include a run into 2021 if necessary. The most important point is we provide free parking when it is needed.
- 1.4 Members are asked to approve the existing report recommendations noting the request to allow flexibility in dates as suggested. The Christmas Eve option (recommendation (ii)) is still valid as is the consultation on evening charges.