

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Economy and Transport
Date	16 April 2024
Present	Councillors Kilbane (Executive Member)
Officers in attendance	James Gilchrist – Director of Environment, Transport and Planning Helene Vergereau – Head of Highway Access and Development

48. Declarations of Interest (10:01am)

The Executive Member was asked to declare, at this point in the meeting, any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests they might have in respect of the business on the agenda. None were declared.

49. Minutes (10:02am)

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 12 March 2024 be approved and signed by the Executive Member as a correct record.

50. Public Participation (10:03am)

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the session under the Council's Public Participation Scheme this week.

51. Introduction of Blue Badge car parking bays on Lendal, Blake Street and Davygate (10:03am)

Officers introduced the item confirming that the proposition would give Blue Badge holders greater flexibility; with the ability to park for an unlimited time in designated areas as an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO), which could be monitored and provide feedback through use. They clarified that loading access would still be required and it would not be possible for spaces to remain occupied for days on end.

The Executive Member expressed how pleased he was to see this report come before him, in the interests of giving access to the city centre. He noted that there had been debate over the length of time to be permitted but acknowledged that it made sense to make this unregulated at the start of the ETRO and see what the impact was. He stated that this was subject to review if users dominated the spaces.

The Executive Member enquired whether officers would require written feedback from users, and they explained that while there would be a web page available for general feedback, any feedback to be considered as part of the legal process would need to be submitted via letter or email. They also indicated that the issue would ultimately return to the Executive Member for a decision on whether to make the experimental ETRO permanent.

Resolved: To approve the advertisement and progression of an ETRO for the introduction of the proposed Blue Badge/Loading bays at

- i. Blake Street and Lendal, which will be accessible for Blue Badge holders during and outside the footstreet hours (between 10.30am and 6am the next day, with loading between 6am and 10.30am), and
- ii. Davygate outside of footstreet hours (between 5pm and 6am the next day, with loading between 6am and 10.30am).

Reason: This will allow for the experimental introduction of the bays and allow for ongoing review of the use to provide a clear picture of the impact of the proposal, whilst still allowing for some amendments if required during the experimental period. This option will allow for a quicker installation of the bays to trail the change, following requests for more accessible parking options in the pedestrian area.

Cllr P Kilbane, Chair

[The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.07 am].