



Comhairle Cathrach
& Contae **Luimnigh**

Limerick City
& County Council

Meeting of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee to be held on Tuesday the 15th December, 2020

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor F. Kilcoyne (referred from Metro Meeting)

“I will move at the next Metropolitan Meeting, to request free car parking for Limerick city to be enacted for one year, when Limerick is ready for reopening (which is now) after this Covid-19 pandemic. I believe that to bring footfall back into our city, shoppers should be given 3 hours free car parking at any time of the day to help retailers”.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council provides approximately 3,500 parking spaces in the city centre, with one of the lowest parking fee rates in the country. This is a substantial funding source for the Council and this year’s annual budget for 2021 provides for income of €1.926m for both parking fines and charges. To reduce the amount of revenue generated by removing parking charges would result in an unbalanced budget.

In order to support businesses during the Covid-19 emergency, the Council waived car parking charges for an extended period over the summer months and has agreed to provide free parking at weekends. In addition, the annual free Park and Stride service is being provided for the extended festive season, with car parking available to the public at the Cleeves’ Car Park and at the Irish Rail Depot on Roxboro Road.

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Physical Development Directorate
4th December, 2020