**DECISIONS DELEGATED TO OFFICERS**

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| **Decision title:** | Continuation of reduced pricing for Park & Ride parking-and-bus tickets for the period from 30 September 2023 until the close of the full Council meeting on 2 October 2023 |
| **Decision date:** | 26 September 2023 |
| **Source of delegation:** | [Part 9.3 (b) of the Constitution](https://mycouncil.oxford.gov.uk/documents/s73251/Part%209%20Roles%20of%20Officers.pdf): the Chef Executive is authorised to take any urgent action necessary to protect the Council’s interests…where time is of the essence, and it is impracticable to secure authority to act.  The urgency in this case is there is not a meeting of the decision-making body i.e. full council before the current decision to continue the combined Park and Ride tickets expires. |
| **What decision was made?** | To continue the combined ticket for Park and Ride (parking-and-bus ticket) from 30 September 2023 until the close of the meeting of full Council on 2 October 2023. |
| **Purpose:** | The decision ensures that charges for combined parking-and-bus tickets at City Council Park & Ride sites are lawful between the end of the current trial period (30 September 2023) and the full Council meeting (2 October 2023). This decision is effectively a bridge, to ensure that there is continuity for users of Park & Ride sites and bus services. |
| **Reasons:** | On [13 July 2022](https://mycouncil.oxford.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=32088), Cabinet agreed to make permanent the combined ticket approach including 16 hours parking rather than 11 hours, plus a trial up to 30 September 2023 in terms of pricing. The promotion price was   * £4 for 1 bus passenger and 1 car; and * £5 for 2 bus passengers and 1 car   until 30 Sept 2023.    On [13 September 2023](https://mycouncil.oxford.gov.uk/ieIssueDetails.aspx?IId=34609&PlanId=0&Opt=3#AI36751) Cabinet recommended to Council (which meets on 2 October 2023), to agree the continued use of the combined ticket at the current price:   * £4.50 1 bus passenger and 1 car; and * £5.50 for 2 bus passengers and 1 car   until April 2024.  The decision to offer combined tickets expires on 30 September 2023 which is prior to the full council meeting. Unless the present decision is taken, there is no authority for the use of the combined ticket in the intervening period.  This decision ensures the Park and Ride combined ticket charges are valid at current rates between the 30 September and the 2 October full council meeting. |
| **Decision made by:** | Caroline Green (Chief Executive) |
| **Other options considered:** | The Chief Executive could not take this decision; however, this would mean the Council would not have the legal power to charge for the combined tickets until the October full Council. |
| **Documents considered:** | [Report for 13 September 2023 Cabinet](https://mycouncil.oxford.gov.uk/ieIssueDetails.aspx?IId=34609&PlanId=0&Opt=3#AI36751), specifically, para 45: *If the officer recommendation is approved, then an urgent Chief Executive’s decision will be required to ensure the Parking and Bus combined ticket charges are valid in between 30th September 2023 and 3rd October 2023.* |
| **Key or Not Key:** | Not key |
| **Wards significantly affected:** | None |
| **Declared conflict of interest:** | None |
| **This form was completed by:**  **Name & title:**  **Date:** | Ted Maxwell Economy, City Centre and Green Transport lead  20/9/2023 |

**Approval checklist**

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| ***Approver*** | ***Name and job title*** | ***Date*** |
| **Decision maker** | Caroline Green, Chief Executive  **C:\Users\jmitchell\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\JEVXX3BB\Signature Caroline Capture.PNG** | 26 September |

**Consultee checklist**

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| ***Consultees*** | ***Name and job title*** | ***Date*** |
| **Senior officer** | Carolyn Ploszynski, Head of Regeneration & Economy  Signature Carolyn Ploszynski | 25 September 2023 |
| **Head of Financial Services** | Nigel Kennedy, Head Financial Services | 21 September 2023 |
| **Head of Law and Governance** | Emma Jackman, Head of Law and Governance | 26 September 2023 |
| **Cabinet Members** | Cllr Louise Upton, Cabinet Member for Planning and Healthier Communities  Cllr Ed Turner, Deputy Leader (Statutory), Cabinet Member for Finance and Asset Management | 26 September 2023  26 September 2023 |