

**Hampshire County Council
Officer Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Jo Heath, Head of Countryside Service		
Title:	Countryside Service: Blue Badge Parking Charging		
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1. The decision:

- 1.1 The Countryside Service charges Blue Badge holders to park the same as other visitors to the Country Parks and that this will be phased in as Automatic Number Plate Recognition is installed.
- 1.2 This decision is subject to review once the first parking order has been advertised and consulted on.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1 The Blue Badge scheme is not a reflection of the holders ability to pay for services but does enable the holder to better access to the services on offer.
- 2.2 The Countryside Service are improving accessibility at all the Country Parks to cater for those with a range of requirements including Blue Badge holders.
- 2.3 The introduction of Automatic Number Plate Recognition system makes the management of free parking for Blue Badge holders extremely inefficient and reduces income that contributes directly to the operation of the park.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Do not change the parking policy and retain free car parking for Blue Badge holders.

4. Conflicts of interest:

Conflict of interest declared by an Executive Member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:

None

6. Supporting information:

Date: 19 March 2018

Approved by:

Jo Heath, Head of Countryside Service

On behalf of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services