

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Monday, 21 December 2009

Decision No: (CAB 09/10 1671)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport
SUBJECT:	Itchen Bridge Tolls: Objections to Proposed Exemption for Motorcyclists (TRO)
AUTHOR:	Roger Mortimer, Head of Highways and Parking Services

THE DECISION

To approve the introduction of a scheme to offer a 'toll-free' concession at the Itchen Bridge to motorcyclists who reside within the City.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It has been a long standing political desire of the current administration to bring in the initiative of toll free usage of the Itchen Bridge for the City's residents who use motorcycles. This should be limited to residents as the need for overall tolls remain in order to fund the significant running costs of the bridge.

The Cabinet has considered the objections to the revised TRO and related views but does not consider these override the rationale or reasonableness of the proposals and the safety and operational considerations detailed in the officers report.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

A scheme for all motorcyclists (a vehicle class exemption rather than toll concession) with no special safety measures. This was rejected by Cabinet on health and safety advice in June 2008.

A scheme for all motorcyclists (a vehicle class exemption rather than toll concession) together with exit barriers added to the toll booths as a safety measure. This would cost about £75,000-£90,000, but would not represent good value if the barriers were superseded by future alterations to the toll plaza.

A scheme for all motorcyclists (a vehicle class exemption rather than toll concession) allowing them to use the bus-only link road at the eastern end of the bridge to avoid the toll booths. This would pose unacceptable risks to pedestrians and motorcyclists

in the link road, which serves as a busy local bus terminus.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 21st December 2009

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*