

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 9TH MARCH, 2026

CABINET: 4TH DECEMBER, 2025

“C154 REVIEW OF WINTER CAR PARKING CHARGES AT PENARTH CLIFF WALK, COLD KNAP AND BRON-Y-MOR (BARRY) CAR PARKS (NBS) (SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to consider immediate changes and the temporary, seasonal suspension of current charges at the Penarth Cliff Walk, Cold Knap, Barry and Bron-y-Mor, Barry car parks that were introduced in early September 2025.

Councillor Wilson said that the public were aware of the report being considered today following discussion at Full Council on 1st December, press releases and social media concerning consideration of immediate changes and the temporary, seasonal suspension of current charges at the Penarth Cliff Walk, Cold Knap, Barry and Bron-y-Mor, Barry car parks that were introduced in early September 2025.

The Council acknowledged that implementation of parking charges at the end of the summer season combined with poor weather, reduced visitor numbers, low car park usage and increased on-street parking had caused concern amongst residents and businesses.

While car parking charges remained part of the Council’s long-term strategy to fund maintenance at many coastal destinations, it was recognised that there were challenges faced during the off-season and, as such, the Council were adopting a flexible approach. The Council therefore proposed a temporary suspension of charges at Penarth Cliff Walk, Cold Knap and Bron-y-Mor, Barry until September 2026, allowing a further review to introduce future on-street car parking proposals and potential seasonal charging approaches.

The Leader said that a period of reflection would be useful, including matters such as a number of people thought they would be charged for on-street parking that was not currently in place and a number of the car park were being used as work place car parks rather than being used as visitor parking.

Councillor Wilson said that period of reflection would have to consider all the various demands for car parking in the Vale of Glamorgan, including on and off-street parking

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the current position relating to the recently introduced car parking charges at Penarth Cliff Walk, Cold Knap and Bron-y-Mor, Barry be noted and the charges currently in place to be temporarily suspended with immediate effect up to and until Spring 2026.

(2) T H A T a further report be brought back to Cabinet to consider further the need or otherwise for a seasonal approach to the charging regime introduced at the Penarth Cliff Walk, Cold Knap and Bron-y-Mor, Barry car parks.

(3) T H A T use of the Council's urgent decision procedure, as set out at section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution, be agreed in order for the recommendations of this report to be implemented with immediate effect.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To respond proportionately to the seasonal decline in visitor numbers and the concerns raised by local businesses and residents regarding the impact of charges during the autumn/winter period.

(2) To enable the Council to temporarily suspend parking charges already authorised within the existing Off-Street Parking Traffic Regulation Order at those locations.

(3) To enable charges to be suspended temporarily without delay so that seasonal impacts on businesses, residents and visitor activity were addressed promptly."

[View link to previously circulated Appendix](#) – Report to Cabinet: 4th December, 2025