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## **QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

Response by the Cabinet Member:

Thank you again for your continued concern in respect of getting the system right for disabled parking in our car parks. We take all your concerns seriously in the context they are given.

To assist with a more accessible approach to pay and display car parking we are currently in the process of procuring a cashless payment system using mobile phones. This will enable any car park user to pay for parking using a mobile device. Signs will be erected at the appropriate place to give information and we will be publicising this on our website. It is a good news story so I am hoping we can get to those users who will find this beneficial through the normal channels and on social media. I have had queries from visitors to Powys in the past asking why we have not had this system in place.

Under the commercial framework in place to procure this service, the prequalified providers are ones used in many other authorities and it is expected that this will provide the most convenient method of paying for parking moving forward. We will ensure that this system is in place prior to charging blue badge holders for parking.

It is acknowledged that there will be places where we will need to give some consideration to the location of the pay and display machines. However, most distances from 'bay to pay' should not be excessive. Notwithstanding this blue badge holders are not limited to parking within the marked disabled bays. They can park in any bay and displaying a blue badge will mean the concession of the additional hour will be granted over the paid for time.