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Three free days of on-street parking in Manchester for Christmas sales shoppers

As Manchester city centre prepares for what is likely to be the busiest sales weekend of the year, Manchester City Council in partnership with Cityco, Manchester's city centre management company has agreed to waiver charges on Boxing Day, which this year falls on a Saturday.

City centre spokesperson, Councillor Pat Karney, explains: "Boxing Day is actually a normal Saturday as the Monday is a bank holiday. However, we recognise that people will want to take advantage of the Boxing Day sales in the city centre, some starting as early as 7am, so we wanted to ensure people are exempt from on-street parking charges right across the post-Christmas weekend. Having three consecutive days of free on-street parking is unprecedented and will help those who like to bring the car into town."

Kate Harrison, chief executive of Cityco, the city centre management company, added: "This is great news and brings extra benefits to shoppers and city centre businesses alike. This year we have also worked closely with our public transport operators which has resulted in increased bus, Metrolink tram and Metroshuttle bus services. All this means that Manchester is ready for what is sure to be the busiest sales weekend of the year."

For more information on Cityco visit www.cityco.com.

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Notes to editors

Cityco is Manchester's city centre management company. It is an independent not-for-profit company working in partnership to promote and enhance Manchester city centre. Cityco's central aim is to improve and promote the city centre, to create the conditions for businesses to prosper and to develop the city centre's role as the hub of a world-class region. The company plays a coordination role in; strategic initiatives to benefit the economy; promoting the city as a primary retail and commercial location; and to facilitate quality management of the external environment.