

Call In Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 1 August 2013 at 7.00 pm

Boardrooms 3, 4 and 5 - Civic Centre, Engineers Way,
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Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

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1 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interests	
Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting any relevant financial or other interest in the items on the agenda.	
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5 Matters Arising	
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Decisions made by the Executive on 15 July 2013 in respect of the following report below were called-in for consideration by the Call In Overview and Scrutiny Committee in accordance with Standing Order 20.

Outcomes from consultation for parking charge changes and permit changes

The decisions made by the Executive held on 15 July 2013 were:-

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the petition and representations received in relation to the notices of proposals dated 9 May 2013 and summarised in section 4 and Appendix A of the report from the Strategic Director of Environment and Neighbourhood be noted;
- (ii) that approval be given to the retention of longstanding day-long visitor parking duration, from the four hours agreed by the Executive on 12 September 2012, as described in paragraph 4.3 of the report;
- (iii) that approval be given a new visitor parking price tariff as

described in paragraph 4.3.5 of the Directors;

- (iv) that approval be given to the extension of the validity of a Wembley Stadium Protective Parking Scheme residents' permit and Brentfield Road zone T from the two years agreed by the Executive on 12 September 2012 to three years, as described in section 4.4 and 4.7.2 of the report;
- (v) that approval be given to the extension of the maximum duration of virtual visitor passes in the Wembley Stadium Protective Parking Scheme from the four hours agreed by the Executive on 12 September 2012 to one calendar day, as described in section 4.5 of this report;
- (vi) that approval be given to the extension of the maximum duration of virtual visitor passes in the Brentfield Road zone T from the four hours agreed by the Executive on 12 September 2012 to 24 hours, as described in section 4.7.2 of the report;
- (vii) that approval be given to the tariff for virtual visitor passes in the Wembley Stadium Protective Parking Scheme and Brentfield Road zone T from the £1 agreed by the Executive on 12 September 2012 to 50p and to continue the longstanding limit of two visitor simultaneous parking passes per household, as described in section 4.5 and 4.7 of the report;
- (viii) that approval be given to the arrangements for exchanging unused scratch-cards and for easing enforcement in the period immediately after 31 October 2013, when they will become invalid as set out in section 5 of this report, including granting delegated authority to the Strategic Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods as regards the detailed arrangements for timing and implementation;
- (ix) that authority be delegated to the Strategic Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services to establish and implement temporary mitigation measures for carers of people that would be eligible for the new cared-for persons' permit, until such time as that permit is formally launched as set out in paragraph 5.13 of the report;
- (x) that the remaining parking tariffs and pricing and product changes agreed by the Executive on 19 September 2012 be implemented where they are unaffected by the representations made and considered within the report.

The reasons for the call in are:-

This call-in relates to recommendations 2.1.3 (decision [iii] - new visitor parking price tariff) and 2.1.9 (decision [x] - implementation of remaining parking tariffs and prices and product changes) only.

The 50 per cent increase in the cost of the visitor parking permit is unreasonable. Given that the financial implications section of the report says the impact of the CPZ visitor parking changes is financially neutral the increased charge appears to penalise residents without bringing any benefit to the council.

There has been no proper consultation exercise on the visitor parking permit charge increase.

Members have not received proper assurances that the operation of the telephone system will improve, and in any case the promise of future improvements does nothing to assist residents who are finding it difficult to contact the council about their parking permits now. This is particularly true of older and more vulnerable residents who do not have the opportunity to use alternative channels.

An outline of the suggested alternative course of action for the Call In Overview and Scrutiny Committee to take is :

1. Continuation of the scratchcard scheme for those who cannot use online contact.
2. Retaining the cost of a residents' visitor parking session at £1.

The Executive report is attached. The Lead Member and Lead Officer are invited to the meeting to respond to Members' questions.

7 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Call In Overview and Scrutiny Committee is scheduled for Thursday, 5 September 2013 at 7.00 pm and will take place in the event of there being any call ins of decisions made by the Executive on 19 August 2013.

8 Any other urgent business

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