

Mayor And Cabinet			
Report Title	Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the Borough's car parking policies and associated charges		
Key Decision	No	Item No.	12
Ward	All		
Contributors	Sustainable Development Select Committee		
Class	Part 1	Date	5 October 2011

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, arising from discussions held on the officer report "Introductory Parking report" considered at their meeting on 15 September 2011.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Mayor is recommended to note the views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee as set out in section three of the report and agree that the Executive Director for Regeneration be asked to respond to the referral.

3. Sustainable Development Select Committee Views

- 3.1 On 15 September, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered a report outlining the policy and practice in relation to controlled parking zones (CPZ) in Lewisham. After considering the report, the Committee took evidence from the Executive Director for Regeneration and the Service Group Manager for Travel Demand Management.
- 3.2 The Sustainable Development Select Committee would like to make the following comments:
- 1) The Committee would like to see a full cost breakdown of the finances related to controlled parking zones including all related income and expenditure, and performance against predicted income for 2011/12 so far.
 - 2) The Committee recommends that the level of price increase in relation to visitor parking permits be reviewed. The Committee also recommends that, whilst reviewing the impact of the recent price increase, consideration be given to the options of (i) providing a number of "free" visitor permits with every residents permit issued and (ii) introducing a 1 hour visitors permit in addition to the current 5 hour visitors permit.
 - 3) The Committee recommends that the differentiation of charging at different locations within the borough is reviewed, with reference to charging appropriate to the attractors in the surrounding area and impact on local businesses.

- 4) The Committee is currently undertaking an in depth review into “Financial Exclusion” in Lewisham. The Committee recommends that the potential financial exclusion of some people by the administration of CPZ charging be considered when preparing to tender for the renewal of the parking contract. Specific consideration should be given to spreading payments for permits across the year in line with Council Tax payments, and the associated costs of alternative payment methods, such as mobile phone payment.
- 5) The Committee recommends that 2 hour CPZ be considered by the Council.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se, although the financial implications of accepting the Committee’s recommendations will need to be considered.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Constitution provides for Select Committees to refer reports to the Mayor and Cabinet, who are obliged to consider the report and the proposed response from the relevant Executive Director; and report back to the Committee within two months (not including recess).

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Introductory Parking Report – Officer Report to Sustainable Development Select Committee (15.09.11)

Financial Exclusion Review – Scoping report to Sustainable Development Select Committee (10.05.11)

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