



Mayor and Cabinet

Report title: Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on emission based short stay parking and motorcycle parking charges

Date: 14 July 2021.

Key decision: No.

Class: Part 1.

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributor: Sustainable Development Select Committee

Outline and recommendations

This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, arising from discussions on emission based short stay parking and motorcycle parking charges.

Mayor and Cabinet is asked to consider the Committee's comments and ask the relevant officers to provide a response.

1. Summary

- 1.1. On Wednesday 29 June 2021, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered a report from officers on emission based short stay parking and motorcycle parking charges ([link to the agenda for the meeting of Sustainable Development Select Committee on 29 June 2021](#)) The Committee reflected on the contents of the report – and received a presentation from officers. Following questions to officers, the Committee agreed to refer its views to Mayor and Cabinet.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. Mayor and Cabinet is asked to consider the Committee's comments and ask the relevant officers to provide a response.

3. Sustainable Development Select Committee views

- 3.1. The Committee recommends that further consideration should be given to the appropriate level of emissions based charging for vehicles that have converted to liquid petroleum gas - in order to incentivise behaviour change.

- 3.2. The Committee believes that there should be a considered campaign of engagement about the change to cashless payments with groups of people (particularly those who are elderly or disabled) who may continue to use cash payments for parking. The Committee also asks that further thought is given to those parking places in the borough that are not close to shops or pay points for parking payments using cash.
- 3.3. The Committee recommends that Mayor and Cabinet should take a robust approach with Transport for London about the lack of parking enforcement on the borough's red routes,
- 3.4. The Committee also recommends that businesses should be held to account for inconsiderate parking outside of their premises – and that the Council should explore the options for levying fines and penalties on those premises that fail to take action.
- 3.5. The Committee would welcome an awareness raising campaign regarding the proposed implementation of the new rules. Following this the Committee believes that there should be firm enforcement of the new charges.
- 3.6. The Committee believes that careful consideration should be given to the future locations of electrical charging points in order to avoid restricting pedestrian access and/or (existing or planned) provision for cyclists.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. However, there may be implications arising from them implementation of the Committee's recommendations. These will need to be considered as part of the response.

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).

6. Equalities implications

- 6.1. The [Equality Act 2010](#) (The Act) legally protects people from discrimination in the workplace and in wider society. It replaced the previous anti-discrimination laws with a single act, making the law easier to understand and strengthen protection in certain situations. It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 6.2. The Act also imposes a public sector equality duty. This means that in public bodies, of which this Council is designated, they must consider all individuals in carrying out their day-to-day work when shaping policy, in delivering services and in relation to their own employees. It also requires public bodies to:
 - Have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination
 - Advance equality of opportunity
 - Foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities
- 6.3. The Council recognises diversity is one of its strengths and is committed to creating a more inclusive community. Therefore, having due regard to the Act, is confirmation of the Council's commitment to eliminating all forms of discrimination against any group within the community and to actively promote an equality of opportunity and positive community partnership.

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- 6.4. The delivery of the Council's equalities objectives is to be achieved through the delivery of all of the Council's strategies, plans and procedures. As such, all select committees and other scrutiny bodies, when planning their work and scrutinising items, bear in mind the delivery of the Council's equality objectives.
- 6.5. Scrutiny tries to make sure that its work reflects the diversity of Lewisham's communities and that the views of residents are fairly represented in scrutiny processes. Any recommendations arising from scrutiny work support the Council's corporate strategy and reflect the needs of local residents
- 6.6. There may be equalities implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's recommendations – these will need to be considered in the response.

7. Climate change and environmental implications

- 7.1. There are no direct climate change or environmental implications arising from the implementation of the recommendation in this report. However, in February 2019 Lewisham Council declared a Climate Emergency and proposed a target to make the borough carbon neutral by 2030. The declaration tasked the Sustainable Development Committee with scrutinising the Council's emerging plans. All reports considered by the Committee should acknowledge this.

8. Crime and disorder implications

- 8.1. There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. There may be implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's recommendations – these will need to be considered in the response.

9. Health and wellbeing implications

- 9.1. There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. There may be implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's recommendations – these will need to be considered in the response.

10. Report author and contact

- 10.1. If you have any questions about this report then please contact: Timothy Andrew (Scrutiny Manager) timothy.andrew@lewisham.gov.uk

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