

CONTROLLED PARKING ZONES: ON STREET PARKING SCRUTINY REPORT

Councillor Darcy, the Chair of the review, presented the controlled parking zones: on street parking scrutiny report for the Board's endorsement. At present there was no policy in place and as such controlled parking zones were implemented on an informal basis. The report and recommendations would therefore help to inform the policy.

Councillor Darcy took this opportunity to thank the members and officers involved in the review and paid particular thanks to Gill Peele (Lead Officer) and Helen Rickman (Democratic Support Officer) for their support.

Following discussions the Board highlighted the following key areas –

- (a) with regard to 5.1.1 (aa), there had been little or no response from residents living in the East End, relating to the on street parking consultation undertaken in 2011, as at that time there were no controlled parking zones in operation in this area;
- (b) with regard to recommendation 3, concerns were raised relating to whether ward councillors should use their Living Streets budgets to pay for incidental expenses incurred whilst undertaking the initial and informal consultation with residents;
- (c) with regard to recommendation 5, concerns were raised that the proposal to radically reduce the zones and time restrictions may have a detrimental effect in Wards; any restrictions imposed would need to complement neighbouring areas/Wards;
- (d) with regard to recommendation 11, the proposal to seek clarification on whether households that were exempt from council tax could be considered separately and be exempt from parking permits, would specifically penalise students in the city;
- (e) whilst it was recognised that across the city there were currently 53 resident parking zones in operation, caution was urged relating to rationalisation of the schemes, as each area had its own unique issues;
- (f) concerns of Ward Councillors with regard to the frequency of consultation with residents on proposals for controlled parking zones and the possibility of imposing a time limit before conducting another consultation.

The Board agreed that the recommendations outlined in the controlled parking zones – on street parking scrutiny report are referred to Cabinet for consideration together with the comments of the Board.