

MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council 3rd July 2017



THE CONSERVATIVE/UKIP CONTROLLED COUNCIL'S WAR ON SMALL BUSINESS

City Council notes recent rises in on-street car parking charges have not been supported by small business, in particular the small guest houses and hotels that form the backbone of our tourism industry.

In addition the Council has introduced car parking charges for every disabled driver in and visiting Plymouth, without consulting Mobility and Access Groups. It is claimed for example that PDAN has been consulted, which has subsequently been shown to be untrue at a Scrutiny Panel.

Now the Council has introduced a doubling and in some cases trebling of the annual van parking permit fee, at almost 50 times the rate of inflation. This affects sole traders and small businesses disproportionately, and means that end users face higher bills or businesses have squeezed margins and in some cases, closure.

Council resolves to ask the Leader to revoke his executive decision on the Parking Plan in respect of annual essential user permit charges, or the whole Plan if necessary, to allow the sector to be properly consulted on a fairer, more affordable charge.

Proposed by Councillor Evans

Signed Tudor Evans

Seconded by Councillor Smith

Signed Peter Smith

Dated 26/06/2017