

**Extraordinary Council Meeting
Tuesday 24 January 2012**

Amendments to Items on the Agenda

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Opposition Business Item – Councillor Kath McGuirk

Parking in the Borough

Amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Coleman

Council notes the parking charge increases that were introduced in April 2011 that were necessary to bring the Special Parking Account in line with the budgeted surplus.

Council notes there are no proposals to increase on street parking charges in the current consultation.

Council further notes the introduction of Cashless parking to which 163,000 people have now signed up and that over 35,000 transactions are being undertaken each week. Additionally Council welcomes the introduction of Pay points and Scratch cards .Council recognises the fact that On street parking revenue is significantly above budget and that this will enable the Special Parking Account to meet its budgeted surplus by April 2012 and that therefore much needed maintenance work on roads and pavements as well as School safety measures and requests to review some controlled parking zones can proceed.

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Amendment in the name of Councillor Geoff Johnson

Delete 2nd paragraph and add after first paragraph:

Council notes that according to the Leader of the Council, income from parking dropped by 7% when the cashless parking service was introduced.

Council also notes that according to recent budget monitoring reports, income from parking is lower than expected due to a “challenging environment”.

Council believes that the only achievement of the new cashless service is the eyesore of black bin liners on now defunct parking meters, cluttering up our public space like tumbleweed in ghost towns.

Council notes that to make up the shortfall in parking income more PCNs are being issued.

Council believes that local residents are being treated as cash cows, and that this is unacceptable.

Delete "also" in final paragraph.

Substantive motion to read:

"Council notes the eye-watering parking charge increases that have been introduced this year, the proposal to increase parking charges by a further 5% next year, and the introduction of cashless parking which has resulted in fewer people shopping in our town centres and more and more local traders and businesses suffering as a consequence.

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Council notes that to make up the shortfall in parking income more PCNs are being issued.

Council believes that local residents are being treated as cash cows, and that this is unacceptable.

Council asks that Cabinet review the introduction of last year's parking charge increases, and the proposal to increase parking charges in the borough by 5% next year."