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| Meeting | Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee |
| Date | 7 October 2013 |
| Subject | Member's Item – Parking Policy |
| Report of | Scrutiny Office |
| Summary | This report informs the Committee of a Member's Item and requests instructions from the Committee. |

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| Officer Contributors | Andrew Charlwood, Overview and Scrutiny Manager |
| Status (public or exempt) | Public |
| Wards Affected | All |
| Key Decision | N/A |
| Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in | N/A |
| Function of | Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee |
| Enclosures | None |
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Committee's instructions on the Members' Item are requested.**

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 2.1 Leader of the Council's Delegated Powers Report 1727 of 9 July 2012 approved new parking initiatives and charges in Environment Planning and Regeneration
- 2.2 Cabinet Member for Environment's Delegated Powers Report No. 1847 of 5 November 2012 authorised the introduction of parking measures on an experimental basis, and resolved that the effectiveness and impact of the measures be monitored closely, with any unresolved objections dealt with by the Interim Director of Environment, Planning and Regeneration under delegated powers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment before a decision is made on whether to make all or any of the measures permanent.
- 2.3 Interim Director of Environment, Planning and Regeneration's Delegated Powers Report No. 1859 of 6 December 2012 approved the acceptance of a quotation from Parkeon Ltd to supply and install credit/debit card machines in car parks and on a trial basis on-street in North Finchley Town Centre.
- 2.4 Cabinet Member for Environment's Delegated Powers Report No. 1979 of 30th April 2013 authorised a change in priority of the roll out of credit/debit card machines from car park locations to on-street locations
- 2.5 Budget and Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 16 September 2013, Parking Pilot Scheme - North Finchley – the Committee received an update on the findings from the North Finchley Parking Pilot Scheme.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees must ensure that the work of Scrutiny is reflective of the Council's priorities.
- 3.2 The three priority outcomes set out in the 2013 – 2016 Corporate Plan are: –
- Promote responsible growth, development and success across the borough.
 - Support families and individuals that need it – promoting independence, learning and well-being.
 - Improve the satisfaction of residents and businesses with the London Borough of Barnet as a place to live, work and study.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 None in the context of this report. Any risk implications would be addressed in the context of the Task and Finish Group / Scrutiny Panel review should the

Committee decide to commission a working group to examine the issue raised.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

5.1 Equality and diversity issues are a mandatory consideration in decision-making in the council pursuant to the Equality Act 2010. This means the council and all other organisations acting on its behalf must have due regard to the equality duties when exercising a public function. The broad purpose of this duty is to integrate considerations of equality and good relations into day to day business requiring equality considerations to be reflected into the design of policies and the delivery of services and for these to be kept under review. Health partners as relevant public bodies must similarly discharge their duties under the Equality Act 2010 and consideration of equalities issues should therefore form part of their reports.

5.2 In addition to the Terms of Reference of the Committee, and in so far as relating to matters within its remit, the role of the Committee is to perform the Overview and Scrutiny role in relation to:

- The Council's leadership role in relation to diversity and inclusiveness; and
- The fulfilment of the Council's duties as employer including recruitment and retention, personnel, pensions and payroll services, staff development, equalities and health and safety.

6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

6.1 Any use of resources implications would be addressed in the context of the Task and Finish Group / Scrutiny Panel review, should the Committee decide to commission a working group to examine the issue raised.

6.2 When reaching a decision as to whether to commission a scrutiny review, the Committee should be mindful of the resources available to support the review. The Scrutiny Office are currently supporting additional review work in the following areas:

- Your Choice Barnet Task and Finish Group
- Early Years Review Task and Finish Group;
- NHS Health Checks Scrutiny Review; and
- Road Safety Task and Finish Group (*currently on hold*)

6.3 Scrutiny Officers will be in attendance at the meeting to assist the Committee in prioritising their review work in the context of the resources available to them.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

- 7.1 Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 provides that the Executive arrangements by a local authority must:
- (1) Include provision for the appointment by the authority of one or more overview and scrutiny committees.
 - (2) Ensure that their overview and scrutiny committees have power between them –
 - i) to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the executive,
 - ii) to make reports or recommendations to the authority or the executive with respect to the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the executive,
 - iii) to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are not the responsibility of the executive,
 - iv) to make reports or recommendations to the authority or the executive with respect to the discharge of any functions which are not the responsibility of the executive,
 - v) to make reports or recommendations to the authority or the executive on matters which affect the authority's area or the inhabitants of that area”.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS (Relevant section from the Constitution, Key/Non-Key Decision)

- 8.1 The scope of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees is contained within Part 2, Article 6 of the Council's Constitution.
- 8.2 The Terms of Reference of the Scrutiny Committees are included in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Part 4 of the Council's Constitution). The Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee has within its terms of reference responsibility:
- i) To have overall responsibility for monitoring and coordinating overview and scrutiny work across the authority.
 - ii) To appoint scrutiny panels and task and finish groups needed to facilitate the overview and scrutiny function.
 - iii) To coordinate and monitor the work of scrutiny panels and task and finish groups, including considering reports and recommendations and referring to the relevant decision-making body
- 8.3 Council Constitution, Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, Paragraph 8.1 states that “Any member of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall be entitled to give notice to the Head of Governance that he/she wishes an item relevant to the functions of the Committee to be included on the agenda for the next available meeting of the Committee. On receipt of such a request,

the Head of Governance will ensure that the item is included on the next available agenda”.

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

9.1 Councillor Alan Schneiderman has requested that a Member’s Item be brought to the Committee in relation to commissioning a scrutiny review into parking policy in the borough. Councillor Schneiderman has submitted the following information with his request:

- To ask the Business Management Overview and Scrutiny committee to consider setting up a quick fire Task and Finish Group to look into the costs and benefits of reintroducing cash meters in Barnet High Streets and Car Parks.
- The TFG should take evidence from residents, traders and local businesses and other Boroughs/Councils where cash meters have both been maintained and removed.

9.2 The Committees instructions are requested on this Members Item.

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None.

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