

	Environment Committee 8 March 2016
Title	Member's Item – Free Christmas parking – Councillor Alan Schneiderman
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	All
Status	Public
Enclosures	None
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Summary

The report informs the Environment Committee of a Member's Item and requests instructions from the Committee.

Recommendations

1. That the Environment Committee's instructions in relation to this Member's item are requested.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

Councillor Schneiderman has requested that a Member's Item be considered on the following matter:

'To request an update on Free Christmas Parking. The update should include details of:

- how much money was paid by motorists to park in Barnet Council car parks and on streets with pay to park bays on weekends in December 2015 when parking was free.*
- what the process was for arranging refunds, when refunds were completed, and if all of this money has not yet been refunded, how much has been refunded to date, how much if any is outstanding and when the refunds will be completed.*
- how publicity and signage can be improved for the free Christmas parking weekends in 2016 to encourage more shoppers to use Barnet's high streets and ensure that motorists are aware when parking is free.*
- how parking meters can be programmed to not accept payment during the time when parking should be free.'*

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 No recommendations have been made. The Committee are therefore requested to give consideration and provide instruction.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 As and when issues raised through a Member's Item are progressed, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 The Council's Constitution (Meeting Procedure Rules, Section 6) states that a Member, including appointed substitute Members of a Committee may have one item only on an agenda that he/she serves. Members' items must be within the term of reference of the decision making body which will consider the item.

5.4 Risk Management

- 5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.5.1 Members' Items allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 None.