

**CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT
2nd October, 2014**

Present:- Councillor Hussain (in the Chair); Councillors McNeely and Swift.

E1. RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON PARKING

Further to Minute No. 26 of the meeting of the Improving Places Select Commission held on 16th September, 2014, consideration was given to a report, presented by the Parking Services Manager, detailing the proposed response to the coalition Government's consultation on various issues regarding vehicle parking.

The reported stated that the coalition Government's intention was to make it easier for local residents and firms to challenge unfair, disproportionate or unreasonable parking policies (such as the provision of parking, parking charges and the use of 'yellow line' parking restrictions).

The coalition Government was proposing to introduce a requirement that in response to a petition from local residents and/or businesses, local authorities must review their specific parking policy in a specified location and produce a report for consideration and decision by Councillors in an appropriate public Council meeting. This approach combined direct democracy (the right to petition and call a review) with representative democracy. The coalition Government's policy would initially be introduced through statutory guidance, with later consideration given to any need for specific legislation.

The proposed response was attached as an appendix to the submitted report.

It was noted that this Council already had policies in place for dealing with any challenges/petitions.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the proposed response to the consultation on vehicle parking, as now submitted, be approved and submitted to the coalition Government by the due date of 7th October 2014.