

RESPONSE TO CALL IN BY THE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT SELECT COMMITTEE

Call in by the Environment and Transport Select Committee of Cabinet's response (of the 29 November 2011) to the report from Environment and Transport Select Committee's Parking Task Group (of the 10 November 2011).

Background

1. On 10 November 2011 the Environment and Transport Select Committee considered a report from the reconvened Environment and Transport Select Committee Parking Task Group. This reviewed on street parking charges and enforcement. The Select Committee endorsed the report and it was presented to Cabinet on the 29 November 2011. Due to ongoing negotiations Cabinet felt unable to endorse all of the recommendations at that time.
2. The Chairman of the Environment and Transport Select Committee, Mr Steve Renshaw called in Cabinet's decision for this item.
3. On the 19 December 2011 the Environment and Transport Select Committee met to scrutinise Cabinet's decision. The Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member and Strategic Director attended the meeting and were able to listen and contribute to the debate.

Cabinet Member response

4. As expressed to Cabinet on the 29 November 2011, the detailed work undertaken by the Environment and Select Committee Parking Task Group is appreciated and will contribute to ensuring that on-street parking operations are properly managed within Surrey.
5. After carefully considering the report the original approved recommendation by Cabinet was in no way meant to detract from the work of the Parking Task group. As explained in the reply discussions were ongoing with our enforcement agents and due to a number of variables it was not deemed appropriate to formally endorse all of the 14 original recommendations at that time.
6. The subsequent debate at the Select Committee gave a very useful insight into the wishes of Select Committee Members in the roles of Local Committees for parking management. It helped to remove misunderstanding and ambiguity.

Summary and proposed way forward

7. The Cabinet Member and Officers will develop and refine options while giving full consideration to the comments raised by the Select Committee and the Parking Task Group's original report.
8. A further update will be provided in early 2012.

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