

# **Cabinet Response to the Overview and Scrutiny Board Short Sharp Review – Car Parking**

## Introduction

At the Cabinet meeting on 4th February 2015 consideration was given to the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Board Short Sharp Review on Car Parking.

The Leader welcomed Councillor S. P. Shannon to the meeting and thanked him for being present to provide clarification on any matters raised by Cabinet Members. Councillor Shannon outlined the work which had been undertaken by the Review Group and thanked Members and officers for their contributions.

The Cabinet then discussed and considered each of the recommendations of the Task Group in detail.

## Response to recommendations

Please find below the formal responses to the recommendations contained within the Review report:

### **Recommendation 1**

That free car parking on a Sunday be introduced for a 6 month trial period, to include the summer period in order to encourage people to visit the town centre.

#### **Cabinet Response**

This recommendation was not approved in view of the cost involved and the introduction of free parking in the evening from 7.00 pm.

### **Recommendation 2**

That the Pay on Foot system be expanded to other car parks as part of the Town Centre Regeneration Programme, for example at the Hanover Street Car Park and the Dolphin Centre.

#### **Cabinet Response**

This recommendation was not approved in view of the likely high costs involved and the lack of a Cost Benefit Analysis.

### **Recommendation 3**

That a car parking permit scheme for the over 65 year olds be re-introduced in order to encourage people to visit the town centre on a more regular basis.

## **Cabinet Response**

This recommendation was not approved in view of the lack of information available.

The Leader and the Portfolio Holder thanked the Review Group Chairman and Members for their work in producing the report.

Councillor Mark Bullivant – Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services and Leisure Services.