

Council 26th April 2017 - Minute Extract

Members considered the following notice of motion submitted by Councillor P. M. McDonald:

“That this Council increases its capacity regarding Enforcement Officers to ensure that parking around our schools is safe and that our High streets stop resembling the Wild West because of a lack of enforcement.”

The motion was proposed by Councillor P. M. McDonald and seconded by Councillor M. Thompson.

In moving the motion Councillor McDonald reminded Members that this Council was now responsible for the enforcement of legislation in respect of on-street parking. Councillor McDonald referred to the problems caused by illegal parking, particularly around schools which included increased danger to schoolchildren and inconvenience to nearby residents. Councillor McDonald expressed the view that this could only be effectively addressed through the regular attendance of Parking Enforcement Officers.

A number of Members recognised that there were often such parking issues in the vicinity of schools but that there were other ways of addressing these such as lower speed limits or education campaigns for parents, and the introduction of “walking buses.”

A number of Members also felt that there was insufficient information before them at present to enable them to support the current notice of motion.

As an amendment to the motion it was proposed by Councillor K. J. May and seconded by Councillor R. L. Dent that the Overview and Scrutiny Board be requested to undertake a review of all aspects of Parking Enforcement.

On being put to the vote the amendment was declared to be carried.

As a further amendment it was proposed by Councillor P. M. McDonald and seconded by Councillor M. Thompson that the Overview and Scrutiny Board be requested to undertake a review of all aspects of Parking Enforcement and that appropriate funding be made available to support the outcome of the review.

On being put to the vote the amendment was declared to be carried.

On being put to the vote the substantive motion was declared carried in the following terms:

That the Overview and Scrutiny Board be requested to undertake a review of all aspects of Parking Enforcement and that appropriate funding be made available to support the outcome of the review.