MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEMBER SIGNING WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2009

Present Councillor Brian Haley (Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation)

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
1.	REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS PERMIT CHARGES (Report of the	
	Director of Urban Environment – Agenda Item 3)	
	It was noted that the Council's business permit scheme applied to all commercial businesses located in the borough's existing Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ's). Those permits were issued to businesses which -	
	 Required regular and unavoidable use of a vehicle to run their business 	
	 Transported bulky and, or high value goods on a regular and unavoidable basis 	
	 Work unsociable hours when public transport was not readily available 	
	It was also noted that permits were not just issued for employees travelling to work unless journeys needed to be made at unsociable hours. Business permit holders were not allocated a specific bay but might use any of the business bays provided within that CPZ.	
	It was reported that the current charges of the Business Permits were as detailed below –	
	Green/electric vehicles – Free of charge	
	First permit: Wood Green & Green Lane Zones - £300	
	Second & subsequent permits: £400	
	First permit: All Other Zones: £225	
	Second & subsequent permits: - £300	
	The business permit charges in neighbouring boroughs were also reported together with details of the number of business/resident bays available across the borough and the number of permits currently in issue by the Council. Having noted that the take up of business permits across the borough was relatively low except in a small number of locations where demand exceeded current capacity and that businesses felt that take up was generally low because of the charges applied had asked to reduce those charges to assist them in the current economic climate, it was	
	RESOLVED:	
	That approval be granted to the reduction of the business permit charge to a standard £200, the charge also to apply to second and subsequent permits.	DUE
	That officers be authorised to make the necessary changes to traffic management orders.	DUE

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That a further review of business charges be carried out in October 2010 to evaluate the impact of he reduction in charges.

DUE

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