

Report for: Environment and Community Safety Panel - 5 March 2018

Title: Scrutiny Review on Blue Badges

Report authorised by: Cllr Jogee, Chair of Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel

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Ward(s) affected: All

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision:**

1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 Under the agreed terms of reference, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) can assist the Council and the Cabinet in its budgetary and policy framework through conducting in-depth analysis of local policy issues and can make recommendations for service development or improvement. The Committee may:

(a) Review the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas;

(b) Conduct research to assist in specific investigations. This may involve surveys, focus groups, public meetings and/or site visits;

(c) Make reports and recommendations, on issues affecting the authority's area, or its inhabitants, to Full Council, its Committees or Sub-Committees, the Executive, or to other appropriate external bodies.

1.2 In this context, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 30 April 2019 agreed to set up a review project to look at Blue Badges and how the Council could support better access to parking for people with disabilities.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

3. Recommendations

3.1 That the Committee note the report and approve its recommendations.

3.2 That the report be submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Committee for formal approval at its meeting on 12th March.

4. Reasons for decision

4.1 The Committee is requested to approve the report and the recommendations within it so that it may be submitted to Cabinet for response.

5. Alternative options considered

5.1 The Committee could decide not to agree the report and its recommendations, which would mean that it could not be referred to Cabinet for response.

6. Background information

6.1 The rationale for the setting up of the review, including the scope and terms of reference, is outlined in paragraphs 1.8 to 1.13 of the report.

7. Contribution to strategic outcomes

7.1 This review relates to Outcome 7 of the Borough Plan: All adults are able to live healthy and fulfilling lives, with dignity, staying active and connected in their communities.

8. Use of Appendices

Appendix A: Draft report of Scrutiny Review on Blue Badges

9. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985