

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 5
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PETITION FOR DEBATE ‘PARKING ZONE E’

RECOMMENDATION
FROM : Director of Law and Governance
<p>It is recommended the Cabinet either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take the action requested in the petition if it is possible to do so. 2. Refer the petition to either a Cabinet Member or the relevant Scrutiny Committee for consideration having regards to the comments made in the debate. 3. Note the petition and comments but take no action for the reasons given in the debate. 4. Take any other action considered appropriate.

1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 A petition has been received by the Council with contains more than 50 signatures from people who live, work or study in the city. As such, the right to a debate of the petition by a meeting of Cabinet has been triggered, according to the Petitions Scheme.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 As set out in the Council’s Petitions Scheme, if a petition contains more than 50 signatures from people who live, work or study in the city, it may trigger the right to be debated by a meeting of Cabinet or Scrutiny.

2.2 On 6 March 2019 a petition was received with the Council from Katherine Parsons. Following the undertaking of a verification process, the petition was confirmed to include 54 eligible signatures.

2.3 Ms Parsons requested that the petition was debated by a meeting of the Cabinet, as per the Petitions Scheme.

2.4 The petition is titled ‘Parking Zone E’. The petitions states ‘The new, electronic system of residents/visitor parking permits is proving unsatisfactory in a number of ways. Even where residents have internet access, the logging of visitor number plates is fiddly and intrusive. The website is unreliable, and parking fines can easily be incurred unwittingly. Enforcement is insufficient in the evenings and weekends, and residents struggle to find parking spaces. Holders of Zone E permits feel they are not getting value for money, and ask that the current permit system be reviewed.’

- 2.5 A copy of the petition is available to Members to view upon request.
- 2.6 The petition was referred to the Assistant Director for Public Protection in order that the concerns and questions raised were responded to.
- 2.7 A response was provided to the lead petitioner as attached at Appendix 1.

3. IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Finance Implications – There are no financial, legal, or equalities implications arising from this report.
- 3.2 Governance Implications – This report will be debated following the presentation of the petition. The Leader Petitioner has three minutes to present this petition. The relevant Cabinet Member will put forward their proposal that will be debated following the normal rules of debate. The proposal will then be voted on and may either be carried or defeated.

4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 4.1 Peterborough City Council Petitions Scheme.

5. APPENDICES

- 5.1 None.