

Environment Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 27 July 2010

Review of Built and Natural Environment Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

The Committee at its meeting on Monday, 28th June received baseline information relating to the list of budget headings for the Council's Built and Natural Environment agenda. This covered:

Blue badges

Currently use GP's for lower threshold applications, use of physiotherapists maybe more appropriate?

Review of the three year renewal process to bring in greater challenge?

Could we charge for blue badges to park? Other Authorities do this.

Car Parking

Harmonisation of car parking charges.

Consider position relating to price increase/decrease/freeze

Enforcement of disabled bays at supermarkets to support income – use of off street parking orders.

Enforcement at school gates continues to be an issue and outstrip resources available.

Urban Design

The Community Participation Budget is £400K per year.

Housing related environmental improvements are carried out in isolation by housing services and don't link up with broader environmental works led by Technical Services.

Road Safety Partnership

Grant funding remains under threat.

National Driver Offender Rehabilitation Scheme (NDORS) continues to grow and increase revenues that support the partnership.

New offences are being rolled out such as mobile phone, seatbelt and officer witness offences that will allow more courses (and more income) to be run.

The Committee next meet on 9th August.

Monitoring Updates

At its last meeting the Committee received updates for the reviews of cemeteries, and animal welfare/dog fouling.