

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 21 NOVEMBER 2017**

**PETITION – ABOLISH CAR PARKING CHARGES FOR RESIDENTS RESIDING AROUND  
BRIDGE STREET, ARBROATH AND SURROUNDING AREAS**

**REPORT BY SHEONA C HUNTER, HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

**ABSTRACT**

This Report advises members of a petition received in connection with the abolition of car parking charges for residents residing around the Bridge Street, Arbroath and surrounding areas who demand the right to be given parking permits as residents.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

In terms of Standing Order 14, it is open to the Committee to EITHER:

- (i) note receipt of the petition and take no further action;
- (ii) determine that appropriate action has already been taken or is planned and no further action is necessary;
- (iii) request a fuller report from the relevant officer;
- (iv) undertake a detailed scrutiny review, gather evidence and make recommendations to the relevant committee; or
- (v) refer the matter to Angus Council where in the view of the Committee, its significance requires a debate.

**2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/CORPORATE PLAN**

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan, the Single Outcome Agreement and the Corporate Plan:-

- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment

**3. CURRENT POSITION**

Members are advised that a petition of 89 valid names has been submitted by residents of Arbroath to abolish car parking charges for residents residing around Bridge Street, Arbroath and the surrounding areas. The petition also details the purpose of the petition as being "to allow parking for residence in and around the Bridge Street area. Elderly also reside around this area and are having to walk a distance to park their car".

There are no parking charges in Bridge Street which is a one-way street just off Keptie Street. There is time limited on-street parking for 8 or 9 cars, restricted to 30 minutes.

The petition was received by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on 24 August 2017 and in accordance with Standing Orders, it is presented to the Scrutiny and Audit Committee for its further consideration.

Members are also advised that currently, no residential parking permits are available but in terms of Report 349/17 considered by the Policy and Resources Committee on 10th October 2017 recommendation 1.1(iii) asked members:-

"to consider the potential to introduce resident parking permits and if minded to proceed to establish a Member Officer Group to determine the details of such a scheme". An amendment to delete recommendation 1.1(iii) was defeated but no Member Officer Group was set up.

Members are asked to determine that appropriate action has already been taken by consideration of report No 349/17 and agree no further action is necessary.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications from this report.

**NOTE: Report No 349/17 was considered as relevant background information in preparing this report.** No other background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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