

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 20 NOVEMBER 2018**

**PETITION – KEEP PARKING IN ANGUS FREE**

**REPORT BY SERVICE LEADER - LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC**

**ABSTRACT**

This Report advises members of a petition which was received in connection with car parking charges in Angus.

**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 LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN**

2.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans:

- 1. *We have a sustainable economy and good employment opportunities*
- 2. *Angus is a good place to live in, work in and visit*
- 3. *Our children and young people are confident individuals, effective contributors, successful learners and responsible citizens*

**3. CURRENT POSITION**

3.1 Members are advised that two petitions were submitted to the Council on 8 November 2018 in respect of car parking in Angus. One petition extended to 195 pages and contained approximately 3,920 signatories. The other extended to 33 pages and contained approximately 396 signatories. Both Petitions contained at least 50 signatories who indicated that they resided in locations Angus.

3.2 In addition to the above, correspondence was submitted and this is attached as Appendix 1.

3.3 Standing Order 14 of the Council's Standing Orders provides that petitions will only be accepted where the name and address has been provided with all signatories requiring to be resident in Angus. These petitions do not meet the requirements of the Standing Order in this regard. Signatories have indicated their location but not their addresses. Given the significant public and media interest in this matter, it is considered appropriate to follow the procedure as contained in Standing Order 14.

3.4 Angus Council, at its meeting on 14 June, considered a report by the Head of Infrastructure Services regarding parking charges (Report 193/18 refers). In respect of that report, the Council:-

- (i) notes the consultation responses regarding the implementation of parking charges;
  - (ii) agrees not to implement on-street charges at this time;
  - (iii) approves the details for off-street parking charges, as set out in the Report and Section 5.1; and
  - (iv) notes a parking permit would be introduced for the one-off street car parks and blue badge holders would continue to park for free.
- 3.5 On 25 September 2018 the Communities Committee approved the making of the Angus Council (Off-Street Car Parks)(Decriminalised Enforcement)(Variation)(No.2) Order 2018 – Car Parking Charges (Report 294/18 refers).
- 3.6 Committee is asked to note, for completeness that Standing Order 26 of the Council's Standing Orders provides:-

**“26. Alteration or Revocation of Previous Decision**

- (1) Subject to (2) below, a decision shall not be altered or revoked within a period of 6 months from the date of such decision being taken.
- (2) Where the Provost rules that a material change of circumstances has occurred to such extent that it is appropriate for the issue to be reconsidered, a decision may be altered or revoked within 6 months by a subsequent decision arising from:-
  - (i) a recommendation to that effect, by an officer in a formal Report; or
  - (ii) a motion to that effect, of which prior notice has been given in terms of Standing Order 25.
- (3) This Standing Order shall not apply to the ongoing progression or development of an issue on which a decision is required.”

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

**NOTE:** No 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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List of Appendices: 1 - Petition correspondence.