



Subject:	On-street Car Parking Charges: Response from Minister
Date:	12th April, 2017
Reporting Officer:	Stephen McCrory
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Restricted Reports	
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Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
	The Committee is reminded that the Council, at its meeting on 1st February, passed a motion in relation to Car Parking Charges. A letter was sent to the then Minister for Infrastructure, Chris Hazzard MLA, and the Committee is asked to note his response.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Note the response from the former Minister and to take any such action as may be determined.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> The Council, at its meeting on 1st February, 2017, passed the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor Armitage and seconded by Councillor Long:

<p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p>	<p>“This Council expresses its concern at the 16% increase in on-street car parking charges in Belfast, from £1.20 per hour to £1.40 per hour, announced by the Infrastructure Minister.</p> <p>This decision will adversely affect City Centre retail trade and will advantage the out-of-town shopping centres which are able to offer free car parking.</p> <p>The Council agrees to seek an urgent meeting with the Minister to ensure that there is improved consultation with all stakeholders, including the Council, regarding the transportation issues within the City, including for those who use cars and public transport and those who cycle and walk.”</p> <p>A letter was sent to the former Minister for Infrastructure, Chris Hazzard MLA, a copy of which is now attached.</p> <p>In his response, the former Minister outlines that he had limited time to attend meetings in advance of the election and therefore had to decline the Council’s invitation. However, he points out that his officials are available to attend any meetings being proposed.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> None.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> None.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>Appendix 1 – Response from the former Minister for Infrastructure</p>