

To: Executive Board – 16 January 2006

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AREA COMMITTEES

North Area Committee - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2005

### **108. PARKING CHARGES AT THE SUMMERTOWN AND FERRY POOL CAR PARKS**

The Strategic Director, Physical Environment submitted a report (previously circulated now appended) following a request from the North Area Committee on the parking charges at the Summertown and Ferry Pool car parks and use of by commuters.

Councillor Armitage said that there were a number of specialist shops in the Summertown area and people had to consider whether the cost of parking was worth a visit to the area. He said that he would like to see the first half hour of parking free, that the cost of staying over 4 hours be £10.00 and that weekends and evenings after 6.00pm were also free.

Councillor Fooks said that the review of the parking tariffs was probably over due, but people should not be encouraged to drive to Summertown for short periods. She said that she had spoken to Graham Smith, the Parking and Transport Business Manager, and he had said that the Executive Board was responsible for the strategy for car parks, but that the Area Committee could suggest proposals within the agreed strategy.

The Committee agreed to note the report and to RECOMMEND the Executive Board that:

- (i) the first half hour of parking should be free;
- (ii) the cost of parking for over 4 hours be raised to £10.00;
- (iii) the City Council Executive Board should liaise with the County Council Executive Board on parking in Oxford;
- (iv) dedicated disabled parking spaces be provided in the Summertown car park for users of the North Oxford Association Community Centre.

The Parking and Transport Business Manager's report to the Area Committee is attached (Appendix 1). Members asked to note that he will be submitting a further report to the Executive Board's budget meeting on 30 January 2006 on the principle of varying charges at suburban car parks.