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Value and Performance Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Monday 5 November 2012**

Time: **5.30 pm**

Place: **St Aldate's Room, Town Hall**

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Value and Performance Scrutiny Committee

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	Councillor Anne-Marie Canning	Carfax;
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	Councillor James Fry	North;
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	Councillor Mick Haines	Marston;
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Background Information

<p>The City Executive Board at its meeting on 12th September 2012 received a report which presented a review of charging for parking in car parking areas adjacent to Parks which came into operation in September 2011. The report recommended that the charges should continue in each of the car parking areas to which they applied.</p>

<p>Attached to this agenda for information are:</p>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) A copy of the original report submitted to the City Executive Board;(2) An extract from the minutes from the City Executive Board meeting;(3) Further information detailing income from charges and penalties between September 2011 and 31st August 2012. |
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Why is it on the agenda?

<p>This item has been called-in to the Value and Performance Scrutiny Committee by the Chair (Councillor Mark Mills). The stated reasons for the call-in are to consider:</p>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) The impact on neighbouring areas.(2) The balance between revenue from charges and penalties (details attached).(3) Whether there are other factors in play which might be distorting the comparison of user numbers. |
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Who has been invited to comment?

<p>The Board Member, City Development, Councillor Colin Cook.</p>

What will happen after the meeting?
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<p>The Committee can either:</p>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Disagree with the call-in which will mean the original City |
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Executive Board decision is made at this point;

- (2) Agree wholly or partly with the call-in and report to the next City Executive Board on 5th December 2012.

DECLARING INTERESTS

General duty

You must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests when the meeting reaches the item on the agenda headed “Declarations of Interest” or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.

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Declaring an interest

Where any matter disclosed in your Register of Interests is being considered at a meeting, you must declare that you have an interest. You should also disclose the nature as well as the existence of the interest.

If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest, after having declared it at the meeting you must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Members’ Code of Conduct and public perception

Even if you do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter, the Members’ Code of Conduct says that a member “must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself” and that “you must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned”. What this means is that the matter of interests must be viewed within the context of the Code as a whole and regard should continue to be paid to the perception of the public.

¹ Disclosable pecuniary interests that must be declared are not only those of the member her or himself but also those of the member’s spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.

