

## CABINET MEMBER (CITY DEVELOPMENT)

24<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Cabinet Member

Present: - Councillor Kelly

Shadow Cabinet

Member Present: Councillor Taylor

Employees Present:

P. Boulton (City Services and Development Directorate)  
T. Darke (City Services and Development Directorate)  
M. Rossi (Customer and Workforce Services Directorate)  
J. Sprayson (Finance and Legal Services Directorate)

Public Business

### **87. Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **88. Declarations of Interest**

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests declared.

### **89. Minutes**

The minutes of the Cabinet Member (City Development) meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2013 were signed as a true record. The minutes of the joint meeting of Cabinet Member (City Development) and (Neighbourhood Action, Housing, Leisure and Culture) held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013 were also signed as a true record.

The Cabinet Member acknowledged the incorrect reference in the London Road Gateway, Parkside, Coventry Land Assembly report (minute 81/12 and 85/12 refers) and acknowledged that authority be delegated to the Director of Finance and Legal Services, rather than Finance and Legal Services Directorate.

### **90. Planning, Transport and Highways (City Development) – Proposed Revisions to Fees and Charges**

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of City Services and Development which sought approval for a schedule of proposed revised fees and charges to be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2013 or as soon as practicable thereafter following appropriate consultation.

A review had been undertaken in the Planning, Transport and Highways Division of all services provided to residents and businesses to assess whether the Council should be charging and if so, at what level. In determining appropriate levels of charge, the following consideration were taken into account.:-

- The actual cost of delivering the service

- What was the impact on vulnerable groups
- How easily would the new charges be introduced and/or enforced
- The cost of administering the charge
- Benchmarking with other local authorities, where information available
- The impact for demand for that service
- What were the potential risks or consequences e.g. if people choose not to use the service

The Cabinet Member considered the option of leaving fees and charges as they were, however, the reduced income would inevitably impact on jobs and the quality of service provided to the public. Increasing the level of charges beyond those proposed, would risk deterring investors from the City and reducing demand for the service so that income would fall, rather than increase.

The proposed revisions to fees and charges were due to be considered by Planning Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2013. The Cabinet Member noted that the West Orchards Car Park Pass was only available to West Orchards Shopping Centre staff, and Planning Committee should be mindful of this detail in appendix one when considering the report.

**RESOLVED, that after due consideration of the report and the matters raised at the meeting, the Cabinet Member (City Development) approved the proposed fees and charges as set out in appendix one of the report.**

**91. Outstanding Issues**

There were no outstanding issues.

**92. Any Other Items of Public Business**

There were no other items of urgent public business.

(Note: The meeting concluded at 10.30am)