

Email sent on 13th January 2012

Dear

ePetition – Support City Centre Traders

I refer to the above epetition which you submitted to the Cabinet Member (City Development) meeting on 5th January 2012. At the meeting Councillor Mrs Bigham took account of the issues raised by you and Councillor Bailey on behalf of the petitioners.

Consideration was given to the request for the implementation of a scheme to allow shoppers who visit the City Centre and spend more than £10 on goods and services, to be entitled to reimbursement of all or part of their parking charges and/or public transport costs.

Councillor Mrs Bigham confirmed that the Council recently considered issues surrounding the City Centre car parking pricing at its Cabinet Member (City Development) meeting on 20th October, 2011. The decisions from that meeting had been implemented, which included a reduction in charges to support City Centre traders and shoppers during the Christmas shopping period and also during the City Centre improvements schemes.

After consideration of the report, the comments made by the officers and the questions raised at the meeting Councillor Mrs Bigham approved regular reviews to establish the success of the changes being undertaken in order to inform future decisions on pricing. Approval was also given to no further reductions in car park charges or any further car parking schemes being implemented at this stage.

No doubt you will inform the petitioners accordingly. I am sending a copy of this email to Councillor Bailey and the other Whoberley Ward Councillors for their information.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely