

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE: **Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure**

DATE: **19 March 2013**

DIRECTOR: **Gordon McIntosh**

TITLE OF REPORT: **Consultation on the proposed Disabled Persons' Parking Badges (Scotland) Bill**

REPORT NUMBER: **EPI/13/039**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Committee of the current consultation on the proposed Disabled Persons' Parking Badges (Scotland) Bill, by Dennis Robertson, Member for Aberdeenshire West.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the committee instructs officers to respond to the Consultation on the basis of the draft responses contained in Appendix A.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Depending on the outcome of the consultation, there may be additional funding and resource requirements if e.g. a statutory appeals process is introduced. Until the final proposals for any Bill are put forward, the financial implications cannot be fully quantified.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

5. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

5.1 Background

5.1.1 Dennis Robertson, Member for Aberdeenshire West, has put forward a consultation document on proposals to strengthen the Blue Badge Scheme enforcement powers.

5.1.2 The proposals include the introduction of powers to cancel and confiscate Badges in certain circumstances and to provide an appeals process when a Blue Badge application is refused on eligibility grounds.

5.1.3 Appendix A contains the draft responses by Aberdeen City Council to the consultation document. The full document can be found on The Scottish Parliament website at:
http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_MembersBills/Consultation_Disabled_Persons_Parking_Badges.pdf

5.2 Conclusion

5.2.1 It is proposed that the Council responds that it is broadly in support of the enhanced enforcement proposals, but central government funding would be required should the proposals on a statutory appeals process be adopted.

6. IMPACT

Within the Community Plan, protecting and enhancing the built and natural environment is identified as a strategic priority, and underpinning the Community Plan is an aim to deliver Local & Regional Transport Strategy commitments by, among other means, using enforcement.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

8. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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