



Subject:	Residents' Car Parking Zones
Date:	11 th April 2018
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To provide an update on the Notion of Motion in respect of problem parking which was considered by the Council at its meeting on 1 st February, 2018 and, under Standing Order 13(f), referred to the City Growth and Regeneration Committee for discussion on the 7 th February 2018.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to agree to meet with representatives from Dfl to:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive an update on the status of Residents' Parking Zones within the city • Discuss and plan an engagement strategy for communities which bound the city centre to discuss the issues within the Notion of Motion
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p>The Council, at its meeting on 1st February, considered the following Notice of Motion moved by Councillor Dorrian and seconded by Councillor Lyons:</p> <p><i>“This Council recognises the concerns of many communities across Belfast in respect to ‘problem parking’ in their neighbourhoods, primarily during day time work hours, and recognises the need for further substantive engagement to address and resolve this issue.</i></p> <p><i>To date, strategies and campaigns have had minimal impact in solving these communities’ difficulties.</i></p> <p><i>In mind of ambitious investment and expansion plans contained in the Belfast Agenda, the Council calls for immediate, co-ordinated action to improve parking measures and notes the lack of enforcement action to date with respect to bus and cycle lanes.</i></p> <p><i>This motion also reaffirms the Council’s commitment to full implementation of its car parking strategy, delivering proper parking infrastructure and taking appropriate action against those who show daily disregard for local communities.”</i></p>
3.2	<p>Under Standing Order 13(f) the motion was discussed at the City Growth and Regeneration Committee of the 7th February where the committee agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the contents of the motion; and • Agree that there would be engagement with those communities which bound the city centre, in conjunction with the Department for Infrastructure, to discuss the issues within the motion
3.3	<p>The Department for Infrastructure acknowledges the parking issues around the residential areas bounding the city centre and is currently installing a Residents' Parking scheme in South Belfast. The Department is aware of the level of engagement and consultation required across the community to address the problem parking issues within the city and welcomes the Members' approach to providing solutions. The Department has confirmed it will engage with Council Members to discuss the issues raised in the Notion of Motion and to discuss and agree an engagement process to address problem parking in local</p>

communities that bound the city centre.

3.4

The Department has provided the following update on the implementation of the Residents' Parking scheme in the Rugby Road/College Park Avenue area of south Belfast:

The scheme came into operation in March 2018 and will include a combination of parking spaces for residents, and pay and display spaces. The scheme has been developed in consultation with local residents and business and will address the long standing parking problems in this area.

The scheme will provide 117 parking spaces for residents and 119 pay and display parking spaces for residents and businesses. These spaces will be supplemented with short stay parking spaces on Rugby Road and a loading bay in Carmel Street to facilitate local businesses

A Residents' Parking scheme is an area where only vehicles with a valid permit or ticket can park during the time the scheme is in operation. The primary aim is to discourage vehicles from outside an area (such as commuters) from parking within residential streets.

Only those in possession of a valid Resident's Parking permit will be allowed to park within the permit parking bays during its hours of operation. A permit costs £30.00 and can be renewed on a yearly basis. Permits are not required for emergency services, post vans, statutory undertakers or weddings / hearses and if a person is actively engaged in loading or unloading. Visitors' permits will also be available to residents and the local HPSS Trust may apply for health visitor permits where necessary.

The Department carried out a 12-month consultation period between November 2013 and November 2014. Following consultation the Department has made a Statutory Rule entitled '*The Parking Places, Loading Bay and Waiting Restrictions (Carmel Street and Rugby Road, Belfast) Order Northern Ireland*' which came into operation on 30 October 2017.

The committee is asked to provide a panel to meet with DfI to discuss the Notion of Motion, with a proposed Agenda:

