

North Tyneside Council Report to Council Date: 21 July 2016

ITEM 5

Title: Petition – Disc
Parking in Tynemouth

Portfolio: Housing and Transport

Cabinet Member:

Cllr John Harrison

Report from Service
Area:

Law and Governance

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Wards affected:

All

PART 1

Executive Summary:

On 6 June 2016 the Authority received a petition which seeks changes to parking arrangements in Tynemouth. The petition comprised handwritten and electronic submissions, with a total of 3,384 valid signatures. The petition is required to be considered by Council in accordance with the provisions of the Authority's Petition Scheme contained in the Constitution.

The Petition's stated purpose is to request 'North Tyneside Council to introduce free disc parking in all pay and display areas in Tynemouth (with the exception of Front Street) and in Station Terrace Tynemouth'

The petition is submitted by Tynemouth Parking Group, a collective of businesses based in Tynemouth. The Petition is accompanied by an information leaflet that details how the proposed scheme would work. This is attached to the report as Appendix 1.

Procedure

The petition has been formally acknowledged, in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Petition Scheme.

At the meeting, the petition organiser may address Full Council for five minutes to present the petition. Members may then debate the petition for a maximum of 15 minutes.

Under the Authority's Petition Scheme the Council may decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting. Full Council may:

- decide to take the action the petition requests (should this be within their powers to do so);
- not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate, or to commission further investigation into the matter, for example by a relevant committee; and

- where the decision is one on which the Authority's Elected Mayor and Cabinet are required to make a final decision, the Council will decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision.

A further report will be produced for the Council meeting to address the issues contained in the petition.