

ITEM NO 8 - WORKPLACE PARKING LEVY TO TACKLE CONGESTION AND AIR POLLUTION

This Council notes that a 'A Workplace Parking Levy' is a small annual charge on employers who provide workplace parking. Following the 2000 Transport Act it has been successfully implemented in Nottingham where it raises around 9 million pounds per year. Reading Borough Council now charges residents for its Resident Parking Schemes, and it is fair and proportionate that it also looks at making a charge for business parking.

It is intended to:

- reduce rush-hour congestion and air pollution on Reading's roads by incentivizing a shift to more sustainable methods of transport; bus, bike, car-share and walking
- raise money for increased investment and support for sustainable transport solutions such as public transport and better cycling infrastructure
- manage demand for workplace parking provision

This Council resolves to report back to Policy Committee (or Traffic Management Sub-Committee) later this year on a possible Workplace Parking Levy scheme that would match the needs of Reading. This would look at area covered, exemptions (such as emergency services, front-line NHS and charities), cost of implementation, parking space numbers, revenue generation and impact on traffic and congestion.