

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE - 3 JULY 2017

QUESTION NO. 1 in accordance with Standing Order No.36

Councillor Duveen to ask the Chair of Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport Committee:

It is clear from previous years accounts that the parking and bus lane fine collection runs at a healthy profit. At the same time enforcement of parking restrictions outside the town centre is not nearly enough to deter transgressions. Would the Lead Councillor consider hiring additional traffic wardens, and enabling them to be mobile by equipping them with motor scooters, with the specific aim of enforcing parking restrictions outside the town centre? They would surely pay for themselves and probably contribute even more to the parking fine income.

REPLY by the Chair of the Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport Committee (Councillor David Absolom):

I invite Councillor Page, the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport to make the response on my behalf.

REPLY by the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport (Councillor Page):

The Council is looking at opportunities to improve enforcement of existing parking areas including quicker detection of illegally parked vehicles by upgrading the enforcement (CCTV) vehicle. The use of new technology would enable intelligence led enforcement which would improve the efficiencies of the Civil Enforcement Officers' deployment across the whole Borough.