

MEMORANDUM: LORD MAYOR

DEPUTY LORD MAYOR ELECTED MEMBERS

PARKING PERMITS

Meeting: Finance and Governance Committee Meeting date: 17 August 2021

Raised by: Lord Mayor Councillor Reynolds

Question:

Under the Elected Members Development and Support Policy, Section M. 1. (i) parking permits are available in order to provide parking for elected members to park on the Town Hall parking deck whilst they are undertaking their duties of office.

Are elected members allowed to use this free parking all day while they are working at their other places of employment?

What steps are undertaken by Council officers to ensure that these free parking spaces are being used in a way that's in keeping with the policy?

Response:

In accordance with the Elected Member Development and Support Policy, parking permits are provided to elected members for use whilst undertaking their duties of office.

The policy does not provide for free parking for personal purposes such as whilst working at their normal place of employment, private appointments, dinners etc.

On the Town Hall parking deck, Council Parking and Information Officers (PIOs) monitor parking compliance against the sign-posted time controls, parking permits and/or authorised registrations.

City Parking Officers are unable to ascertain if the usage is in accordance with Council's Elected Member Policy.

It is a matter for each elected member to ensure they are abiding by the Council's adopted policies in accordance with the Elected Member Code of Conduct.

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.

Paul Jackson

MANAGER LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

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