
SPECIAL MOTION NO. 1 – REVERSE PARKING CHARGES

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler
- (ii) Councillor Andrew Dinsmore

This Council welcomes the announcement made by the leader of the Administration, ahead of the May 2022 local government elections, that a Labour administration would reverse parking charges.

This Council endorses comments made by the Leader on 14 April that “the parking charge increases were a mistake at the time and they are even more of a mistake now that the pandemic has eased. I want to apologise for getting this wrong and promise that we will get it right if residents hire us again to run the Borough.” This Council notes that this U-turn took place several months after the Conservative Opposition had themselves pledged to reverse increases to parking charges if elected.

This Council welcomes the bipartisan agreement that a reversal of the parking charges increase is the right thing to do. However, this Council notes with concern that, over two months since the elections, this has not yet happened. This Council therefore calls upon the Administration to provide a clear and detailed plan of how and when these charges will be reversed.