

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 20.5.03	<b>MEETING NAME</b> Executive
<b>Report title:</b>		Motion Submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3.9 – Disabled Parking	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Chief Executive (Borough Solicitor & Secretary)	

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

1. That the Executive consider the motion as set out in paragraph 2 below.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

2. At the Council Assembly meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2003 a motion was submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3.9 (1) by Councillor Tony Ritchie and seconded by Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle. The motion was subsequently amended and referred to the Executive for consideration:-
  1. That Council Assembly notes the concern expressed by disabled residents on being unable to park in disabled parking bays either outside or near their homes.
  2. That Council Assembly therefore welcomes the formation of an Access and Mobility Forum which will include local organisations representing people with disabilities.
  3. That Council Assembly agrees that Councillors of each party should be invited to nominate representatives to this group .
  4. That the objective of the working party will be to consider current Council policy and to make recommendations to the Executive on how, in future, severely disabled residents can park near their home.

### **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

3. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3.9 (3), the above motion was referred to the Executive, which shall report upon the outcome of their deliberations upon the motion to the next meeting of Council Assembly.
4. The constitution allocates particular responsibility for functions to Council Assembly, for approving the budget and policy framework, and to the Executive, for developing and implementing the budget and policy framework and overseeing the running of Council services on a day-to-day basis
5. Any key issues, policy or funding implications are included in the advice from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and the Strategic Director of Social Services.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS**

### **COMMENTS FROM THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION/STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

6. The London Borough of Southwark is part on the national Blue Badge Scheme relating to disabled parking on the public highway. This allows disabled people who hold such a badge to:
  - Park in dedicated disabled parking bays for an unspecified length of time
  - Park for up to 3 hours on yellow lines
  - Park free at parking meters.
7. In addition to the above the Executive agreed at its meeting on 22nd October 2002 to allow holders of Blue Badges to park in permit bays in the new parking zone that the Council is introducing and subject to a 6 month review extending this measure to other parking zones within the Borough.
8. Currently when a disabled resident requests a disabled parking bay near to their home on the public highway an assessment of the site is made to ensure that the introduction of such a bay is feasible and safe. Should it meet these provisions then the bay is introduced.
9. The national scheme allows holders of Blue Badges to park in any available disabled bay thus allowing Southwark residents to park in disabled bays in other authorities when visiting those areas. Similarly the same concessions apply to people from other authorities when parking in Southwark.
10. The Regeneration Department is currently in the process of creating a Mobility and Access Forum, which will look at issues involving the mobility problems of all sections of the community. As such this Forum could look at the issues relating to the needs of disabled residents parking both on and off of the public highway. In addition to this a Parking and Enforcement Programme is being produced which will also look at the issues of disabled parking in the Borough

### **REASONS FOR URGENCY**

- 11 Motions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 3.9(1) should be considered at the next available meeting where possible. Also any positive action taken as a result of the consideration of the motion will be delayed if the report is not considered at this meeting.

### **REASONS FOR LATENESS**

- 12 Due to the need for consultation with the relevant department, it was not possible to complete the report in time for the agenda despatch.

<b>Background Papers</b>	<b>Held At</b>	<b>Contact</b>
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## APPENDIX A

### Audit Trail

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Chief Officer	Yes	Yes
<b>Executive Member</b>	No	No
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