

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

The following questions have been received from Councillors and will be taken as read along with the written answer which will be included in an addendum that will be circulated at the meeting:

(a) Councillor Cox

“Why is there a 15p surcharge when a motorist pays by phone for parking?

What assistance can the Council give to small businesses who employ people to visit homes in controlled parking zones to help them with the mechanics of their employees paying by phone? Would it be possible to issue a small business in such circumstances with a business card which allows all their employees to pay by phone using the same card?”

Reply from Councillor West, Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee.

(b) Councillor A. Norman

“Licenses for professional dog walkers:

Residents and visitors alike welcome the opportunity to walk their dogs responsibly and safely in our city parks but some have reported that their walk has been spoilt by the unsociable actions of a few of our professional dog walkers who may be walking several dogs on any one occasion. Is it perhaps time to follow the lead of the Royal Parks where a license has to be sought for professional dog walkers which is enforceable should any problems arise. If you wish to use our parks for professional dog walking purposes you should be licensed. Operators are licensed to ensure that:

- the parks and wildlife are protected;
- access to and use of public open space is maintained for all visitors;
- professional dog walkers are complying with current health and safety and best industry practise for the safety and enjoyment of their dogs and staff;
- all professional dog walkers have to be fully insured and hold liability for participant's safety;
- professional activities that are undertaken in the city parks should help to contribute to the costs of its infrastructure and income derived from licenses for professional dog walkers should be earmarked for the City Parks service.”

Reply from Councillor Powell, Chair of the Licensing Committee.

