QUAD OF AIMS (MEMBERS' REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED BY SCRUTINY)

SECTION 1 TO BE COMPLETED BY MEMBERS

NOTE – This document should only be completed if there is a clearly defined and significant outcome from any potential further work. This document should **not** be completed as a request for or understanding of information.

CAR PARKING

REASON FOR REQUEST?	RESOURCE (WHAT OFFICER SUPPORT WOULD YOU REQUIRE?)		
To look at the current car parking policy.	Assistant Director, Regulatory Services		
Are we in line with neighbouring shopping centres such as Northallerton.			
Does the current policy help or hinder footfall in Darlington			
Do we have enough parking capacity			
Is the charging policy up-to-date			
PROCESS (HOW CAN SCRUTINY ACHIEVE THE ANTICIPATED OUTCOME?)	HOW WILL THE OUTCOME MAKE A DIFFERENCE?		
Review current processes and formulate recommendations if required	Satisfactory scrutiny review will support the policy		
	Unsatisfactory scrutiny will recommend changes to be made		

Signed	Councillor	Date
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SECTION 2 TO BE COMPLETED BY DIRECTORS/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS

(NOTE – There is an expectation that Officers will discuss the request with the Member)

1.	(a) Is the information available elsewhere? Yes		Criteria
	If yes, please indicate where the information can be found (attach if possible and return with this document to Democratic Services)	1.	Information already provided/or will be provided to Member
	With respect to the five questions raised in the Member request:	2.	Extent of workload
	Q1: The Parking Strategy is published. We are only four years in to a twelve year strategy. This question is open ended making it difficult to assess workload required.		involved in meeting request
	Q2: Stockton, Middlesbrough and Durham might be better or additional comparators than Northallerton. Charge level information can be collected through the various Councils web sites.	3.	Request linked to an ongoing Scrutiny Committee item of work and can be picked up as
	Q3: The strategy is not as straightforward as simply helping or hindering footfall and the question is likely to result in a wide-ranging exploration of the strategy objectives.		part of that work
	Q4: The simple answer to this is yes although at peak times such as Christmas the car parks can be very full.	4.	Subject to another Council process for enquiry or examination (such as Planning
	Q5: The strategy is four years in to a twelve year life and is intended and designed for that length of time. Tactical and practical improvements to parking can and are being made during the life of the strategy (for example seasonal parking offers, replacement of pay machines, introduction of card payments etc)		Committee or Licensing Committee)
	(b) Have you already provided the information to the Member or will you shortly be doing so?	5.	About an individual or entity that has a right of
	No, as the request has come from a group rather than an individual.	6.	appeal Some other substantial
2.	If the request is included in the Scrutiny Committee work programme what are the likely workload implications for you/your staff?	0.	reason
	Very significant and difficult to estimate due to the open nature of the majority of the questions raised.		
3.	Can the request be included in an ongoing Scrutiny Committee item of work and picked up as part of that?		

No

4. Is there another Council process for enquiry or examination about the matter currently underway?

No

5. Has the individual or entity some other right of appeal?

A discussion could be held with key officers to refine the questions

6. Is there any substantial reason (other than the above) why you feel it should not be included on the work programme?

The workload likely to be created by the open-ended questions and the fact the strategy is only 4 years in to a 12 year life.

Signed: Bill Westland

Position: Assistant Director Regulatory Services

Date: 26 February 2018