

## Environment Select Committee – 20 March 2012

The formal response from the Cabinet was noted, and our suggestion re Chiddingstone Hoath had been taken on board.

There was a lengthy discussion surrounding the Internal Audit Progress report on the review of car parking charges.

It was agreed:

1. That discrepancies between the 'machine audit ticket' and the amount banked by Contract security be resolved within three months.
2. That write off of Penalty Charge Notices would take place on an annual basis.
3. Officers would pursue the recommendation relating to potential fraud and corruption and would liaise with the Auditor for some advice concerning how the recommendation could be taken forward.

It was reported that since our last meeting 4 bus stands had been identified in Swanley, this would enable drivers to have a break without collecting a parking ticket.

The future work programme was discussed and amendments made.

A detailed report and presentation on the Allocations & Development DPD was received by the Committee. Members raised issues such as the size of Open Space Allocation and the Flood Water Management Act. The Committee noted that Policy SC3 - Amenity Protection did not mention Light Pollution, and SC1- Sustainable Development did not specify how the new residential developments within 30 minutes of key infrastructure was to be measured, as some text was missing.

Sevenoaks Residential Character Assessment SPD - LDF the Finalized Post-Consultation Document was considered. It had been revised to incorporate comments made during the consultation period.

The Committee also considered a report on Revised Charging for Pre-Application Enquirers. The Committee resolved to recommend to Cabinet to approve and publish the increases. The Committee also agreed that procedures should be revised to ensure they are applied effectively.

Councillor Ian Bosley