

88 PARKING BLUE BADGES - TACKLING FRAUD AND ABUSE

The Committee received a report providing information on current initiatives to combat fraud and misuse of Blue Badges, (in certain cases involving proactive work with other Boroughs) in line with the latest Government guidance issued in the summer. The Council was keen to raise awareness of the actions it was taking on these issues.

The Committee were interested in having further information circulated to them when it was available to provide further background data on comparative blue badge numbers and potential abuse statistics compared to Borough demographics, and also some idea of the cost of pursuing these initiatives against the demonstrable benefits achieved (both in terms of financial and other aspects, such as inconvenience to those genuinely suffering from disability by abuse of this scheme).

RESOLVED that progress being made to combat abuse of the Blue Badge scheme be noted.