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Dear Mr Moore

Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee - 20 November 2012
Agenda Item 8a – Parking Shared Service

I write with regard to the above report to be considered by the Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee at their meeting at 7.30pm on 20 November 2012.

This report seeks the Committee's opinion regarding opportunities for the externalisation of parking service and the timing. Bexley Officers comments have been invited and are as follows:

1. The intention to consider opportunities for externalising elements of the Parking Shared Service were always considered an aspect of the shared service proposal.

Preparations for the creation of a shared Parking service, for Bromley and Bexley, had been progressed on a mutual understanding, and still is the opinion of Bexley Officers, that the maximum efficiencies can be gained from considering the opportunities for externalisation when:

- a) a single shared service had been established.
- b) economies of scale could be maximised through a commissioned arrangement that serves both Bromley and Bexley boroughs.
- c) the opportunities for further externalisation could be considered as a potential single contract with those Parking Services which are already externalised.

Bexley Officers are strongly of the opinion that the Parking Shared Service should be established to the original timescales of 1st April 2013 and that opportunities to further externalise these services should be pursued after the merger, and in a format, and timescale to maximise efficiencies.

I would be grateful if these opinions could be presented to your Committee when they consider the report.

Yours sincerely



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Director of Environment and Wellbeing



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