Copy of Public Notice and Statement of Reasons

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL proposes to make the following Order:

THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON (RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEMES) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2011

1 The effects of the Order are as follows:-

Visitor Permits in Zones 1-12 & 16:

- (a) To introduce a charge of £6 for each booklet of (10) Visitor Parking Permits, with no change to the current allocation and conditions of use.
- (b) To introduce an Annual Visitor Parking Permit with a charge of £30 per annum, with the following additional conditions of use:-
 - A limit of one per postal address eligible for Visitor Permits, subject to possible limits on the total number issued or re-issued within any particular zone;
 - A maximum 8 hour stay (including any limited waiting period) during the period permit parking restrictions apply;
 - The permit may only be used for parking vehicles within a distance of 250m of permit holding household;

(There is no proposed change to Essential Visitor Permit for carers, as these would remain free of charge)

Business Permits in Zones 2-12 & 16

- (c) To remove the requirement for business permits to be registered to specific vehicles;
- (d) In exceptional circumstances to increase the maximum allocation of two business permits (subject to annual review) where this is considered to be in the public interest;

Resident's Permits in Zones 1-12 & 16

(e) To reduce the charge for second residents' permits to £30 per annum (currently £60 per annum), subject to approval of the proposals above;

(No change is proposed to first Residents' Parking permits which would remain free of charge)

- **2** Copies of the Order and statement of reasons for proposing may be inspected during normal working hours at my Enquiry Office. Further information may also be obtained from the Traffic Management Section of the Southampton Highways Partnership on 023 8038 8037.
- **3** Any person wishing to object to the Orders must write to me at the address given below, stating the grounds for objection, by 17th June 2011.

Dated: 27th May 2011

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The Resident Parking Schemes across the city have been introduced, where requested by communities, to improve the amenities of an area by reducing the level of non-resident on-street parking. In order to assist in funding the administration, maintenance and enforcement of these schemes, permit charges are applied and are subject to variation. New charges for permits are being proposed within this order to help maintain the operation of the schemes and their contribution to preserving the amenities within an area. In particular it is intended to reduce the cost of Visitor Permits by introducing charges and an option of an Annual Visitor Parking Permit. If these proposals are approved through due process, there will also be a reduction in the charge for second Resident's Permits, so that the most households currently contributing to the cost of these schemes can avoid any increase in their contribution. Otherwise the proposed charges for Visitor Permits are intended to extend the scope of households contributing to the overall cost of operating these schemes. Additional flexibility over the use and issue of Business Permits is also proposed, so that their operational work is not unduly affected by restrictions intended to assist resident parking.