

Item 7 - Notices of Motion

To consider the following motions, which have been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.1:

a) **Alleygates.** Councillor Humphreys to propose.

The Council notes that it is at present not legally possible to apply for gating orders where the highway to be gated represents the only access to a property. The Council expresses its concern that this can on occasion thwart the settled wish of all local residents and impair the fight against anti-social behaviour including fly tipping. The Council therefore asks the Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary to ask the Government to amend legislation to allow greater flexibility in these circumstances.

b) **Waiving Of Car Park Charges – Festive Period.** Councillor Williams to propose.

The current planned and emergency construction work that is happening all over Blackpool especially around and to access roads, will no doubt cause a great deal of congestion and traffic delays for regular shoppers, local visitors and also the extra potential shoppers leading up to Christmas.

Retailers and other associated trades are already expressing concern about the affect the road closures and construction will have on their businesses especially if shoppers decide not to travel into the town centre to avoid the disruption.

This Council should show its understanding and address these concerns by improving the already offered parking discount by offering totally free car parking in all council owned town centre car parks from the 18 December up until Christmas Eve.

This Council is proud to support local businesses and the waiving of fees for this set period will not only prove and endorse that statement, but also demonstrate that the Council is willing to forgo its own income to protect that of others.

Accordingly, the Council asks the Director of Place to put in place the necessary arrangements and approvals to allow free car parking in all council owned town centre car parks from the 18 December up until Christmas Eve.