

STATEMENT TO BE MADE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE TO THE STATES ON TUESDAY 21st OCTOBER 2003

This Statement concerns the Residents' Parking Scheme and relates to P.141/2003 of Deputy G.P. Southern, due to be debated on 4th November 2003.

The present trial scheme will end after 4th November 2003, unless an Order has been made for it to continue.

The Committee at a meeting this lunchtime has made two Orders related to the Scheme.

Amendment No. 13 to the Road Traffic (St. Helier) Order was made to enable, among other changes requested by the Connétable of St. Helier and others, the present trial scheme to continue from 5th November 2003.

While the Committee has taken into account comments of the Connétable and the Deputies for St. Helier, and it has listened to and taken into account residents' comments, the Committee cannot continue to subsidize the Scheme at its present rate.

Therefore, taking all factors into consideration, we have agreed to make Amendment No. 14 and increase the charge to £150 for the next six months, equivalent to an annual rate of £300.

That does not mean it is the final change. The Committee has asked the officers to provide by April 2004 comprehensive estimates, based on new survey data, of the true cost of providing residents parking schemes, in the event it is to be extended to other parts of St. Helier or other Parishes, taking into account the effect on car parks and the Car Park Trading Account.

Information for residents wishing to apply for a permit under the Scheme will be mailed out shortly.