

**Minutes**

**Economic Scrutiny Panel**

**27<sup>th</sup> March, 2007, Newton Hall Community Centre**

**Present:** Councillor Hopgood (in the Chair)  
and Councillors Colledge, Cowper, Pape, Shaw, and Simpson.

**Also Present:** Councillors Hepplewhite and Moderate.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Graham, Simmons and Stoddart.

**2. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2007 were agreed as a true record.

**3. Review of Leisure Services**

The Panel agreed that the report be submitted to the next meeting of Scrutiny Committee.

**4. Scrutiny of Disabled Parking in the District**

The Panel discussed the terms of reference for the scrutiny of disabled parking.

Meeting terminated at 6.05 p.m.



**QUESTIONING PLAN  
PLANNING SHEET**

<b>TOPIC FOR SCRUTINY: Disabled Parking in City of Durham District</b>	
Purpose of Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To discover what facilities we currently have for disabled parking</li> <li>• Are the current facilities adequate</li> <li>• How are the facilities controlled/policed</li> <li>• What are the future needs</li> <li>• Focus on disabled parking within the district</li> </ul>	
Specific issues to be looked at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shop-mobility – how to attract disabled visitors to the City</li> <li>• Disability Act – What are the provisions</li> <li>• What other District Councils offer</li> </ul>	
Required Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To encourage disabled visitors to the District</li> <li>• To discourage able bodied drivers from parking in disabled spaces through enforcement</li> </ul>	
Possible Risks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the car parks are not owned by the Authority – therefore recommendations could not be implemented.</li> <li>• Insufficient resources to police parking in disabled bays</li> </ul>	

<b>KEY TASKS</b>	
<p><b>Documents/evidence/research</b></p> <p><i>What?</i> Research other districts what facilities they have for disabled parking; Do they charge for disabled parking? Disability Act – Provisions in the Act for Disabled parking spaces</p> <p><i>Why?</i> To ensure that City of Durham working within the parameters of the Disability Act. To check that the district is in line with other authorities in relation to fees for disabled drivers.</p>	<p><b>When`</b></p>



**QUESTIONING PLAN**

<p><b>Consultation</b></p> <p><i>Who/what? Planning department</i></p> <p><i>Why? To give details on sizes of parking bays and current planning policy on parking spaces.</i></p>	<p><b>When</b></p>
<p><b>Witnesses</b></p> <p><i>Who?—Disabled Groups; Durham City Forum ( Colin Wilkes &amp; Richard Toynbee); Shop mobility; County Council disabled badge section.</i></p> <p><i>Why? To give clear information from a retailers and disabled persons point of view.</i></p>	<p><b>When</b></p>