

FC63. MOTIONS

The Provost stated that the 3 motions before Council relate to matters within the remit of the Executive but, having consulted with the Council Leader and the Leader of the Opposition, in accordance with Standing Order 31.1, he was of the opinion that special circumstances exist requiring an exception to that general rule and consequently they were dealt with at this meeting.

(i) Disabled Parking

Councillor Turner, seconded by Depute Provost Patrick, moved that:-

We as a nation have recently marked the outbreak of the First World War, which became known also as The War to end all Wars.

We hold services and lay wreaths in commemoration of those who made the ultimate sacrifice and it is right that we do this, however, we cannot, indeed must not forget those who return, often bearing the scars, both mental and physical. We owe a moral duty to our Armed Forces veterans who have been disabled as a result of their service.

In recognition of which, this Council waives from this date, the £20 charge which would otherwise be incurred by a bonafide military veteran, based on the current criteria, i.e. in receipt of a compensation award under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS), or in receipt of War Pensioners Mobility Supplement, when applying for a disabled persons parking permit (Blue Badge Scheme).

Decision

Council agreed the motion.