

**Item 7: Question Time**

To the Leader of the Council

Will you publish the intended timetable of area consultations for the roll out of car parking charges across the Highland Council area, as stated in your press statement issued on 22nd November 2018, and what is the intended date for full implementation?

Response to Mr A Baxter

There is no timetable at this time.

Since the press release, it has become evident that in order to roll out car parking in compliance with the policy adopted by the Council at its meeting in June, 2018, that additional HR capacity is required.

It was therefore agreed that the roll out of car parking charges, as part of a wider approach to local income generation, will be delivered as part of the Change Programme and overseen through the Programme Management Office. The engagement programme is currently being developed. This is intended to begin in April and run until November and undertaken on an area by area basis. As such, implementation will be staggered throughout 2019/20.