1. At the time of the original consultation Tayside Police provided the traffic warden service and so Angus Council was not in a position to respond on the financial assumptions.

2. With regard to costs for the review process, Angus Council is a member of the Review Working Group. We already have a review process in place which complements what is being proposed. Therefore, the review costs are already being met. The rollout of PIP may result in an increase in applications through the ‘discretionary’ route and so increase the number of reviews which will have an impact on resources.

3. In relation to costs for enforcement, the explanatory note suggests that the FM only applies to local authorities operating Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) and does not reflect the recent announcement of cessation of police traffic wardens. As Angus Council does not operate DPE it is difficult to respond to the specific questions but our position is outlined below for the Finance Committee’s consideration.

4. The enforcement powers are not duties so it will be up to each local authority to decide whether they want to use them and the FM states that it is likely that local authorities will only appoint where it makes financial sense to do so (in other words, where the cost of appointing someone would not be disproportionate in view of what blue badge misuse is estimated to cost the authority in terms of lost parking revenue — which, for some authorities, can be very significant sums each year).

5. In Angus Council there are no charges for parking. Disabled persons can park without charge or limitation of stay. The numbers of blue badge misuse reported to us are in single figures.

6. There will be substantial initial costs for us to introduce DPE and the longer term balance of cost/income depends on the outcome of the business case for the introduction of DPE. Any increased level of enforcement or provision of hand held devices/central office services would all be at increased cost to the Council.

7. This is all rather new to us as we develop DPE. We do not foresee Angus Council having a full time blue badge officer undertaking enforcement, confiscations etc. This would be undertaken by the parking wardens (and Police) in whatever form they will be.