

ENVIRONMENT CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 41

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Parking Annual Report 2008/9
Date of Meeting: 24 September 2009
Report of: Director of Environment
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Key Decision: No
Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 To note the publication of the first parking annual report on the performance of parking services for submission to the Department for Transport and Traffic Penalty Tribunal and for publication under the provisions of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Cabinet Member endorses the publication of the first Parking Services Annual Report 2008/9 for submission to the Department for Transport and Traffic Penalty Tribunal under the provisions of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 The City Council has operated Decriminalised Parking Enforcement since 16 July 2001. Part 6 of The Traffic Management Act 2004 came into force on 31 March 2008 and the enforcement of parking became Civil Parking Enforcement. The Council is now required to produce and publish an annual report to the Department for Transport within 6 months of the end of the financial year.
- 3.2 The report must contain certain financial and statistical data for the Department for Transport. Parking Services have taken the opportunity presented by this new requirement to also provide as part of the report an overview of the range of functions it provides and key milestones over the last financial year.
- 3.3 It is proposed that copies of the Parking Annual Report 2008/9 be sent to stakeholders including, Sussex Police, East Sussex Fire Brigade, The Traffic Penalty Tribunal, the Department for Transport, local parking special interest groups, Brighton and Hove Chamber of Commerce. The Parking Annual Report will also be published on the council's website and hard copies will be made available at libraries and the Parking Information Centre. A limited number of hard copies will be made available on request although in the interest of the environment people will be encouraged to view the document on-line.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The publication of the parking annual report presents an opportunity to inform and engage with the public and stakeholders on a variety of parking issues.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The full cost of producing the Parking Annual Report will be met from existing revenue budgets.

Finance Officer Consulted: Karen Brookshaw Date: 11/09/09

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The City Council is required by Section 87 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 to produce and publish an annual report within 6 months of the end of the financial year detailing financial and statistical information on its civil parking enforcement regime.
- 5.3 There are no human rights issues involved in the preparation of this annual report.

Lawyer Consulted: Elizabeth Culbert Date: 27/08/09

Equalities Implications:

- 5.4 None identified

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.5 None identified.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.6 None identified.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.7 None identified.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.8 None identified.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 6.1 None considered.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 To provide the public and stakeholders with information on the performance, aims and objectives of parking services and to meet the Council's new legal obligations under the Traffic Management Act 2004

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Parking Annual Report 2008/9

Documents In Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

None

