

Scrutiny Report



Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Part 1

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Subject Decriminalised Parking / Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE)

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The following people have been invited to attend for this item:

- Paul Jones – Head of Streetscene and City Services
- Steve Davies – Senior Strategy Manager
- Chief Inspector Mike Richards – Gwent Police
- Inspector Robert Jenkins – Gwent Police

Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

1 Recommendations to the Committee

The Committee is asked to:

- 1.1 Consider the additional information (at **Appendix 1**) provided by the Officers in relation to Civil Parking Enforcement;
- 1.2 To discuss Civil Parking Enforcement with the representatives from the Police;
- 1.3 Determine if it wishes to make a recommendation to the Council as to whether the Council should proceed with undertaking Civil Parking Enforcement.

2 Context

- 2.1 At its meeting on 16 November 2017, the Committee considered a review on Newport Civil Parking Enforcement and discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the Council taking over parking enforcement. A summary of the Committees discussion can be found in the [minutes](#) of the meeting. The Senior Strategy Manager presented a 'Newport Civil Enforcement Feasibility Study' to the Committee summarising the report and highlighting key aspects of the adoption of Civil Parking Enforcement.
- 2.2 At this meeting, Members of the Committee acknowledged the current problem with illegal parking in Newport had been well documents and discussed at numerous meetings. Member discussed the role of the police and the impact of the potential withdrawal of the police in the enforcement of parking.
- 2.3 The Committee debated whether or not it was in a position to make a recommendation to the Cabinet Member and the Council on this matter. Some Members expressed the view that the

Committee should recommend that that the Council precede with CPE in principle and there was sufficient information within the report to base a decision upon. Other Members argued that more detail was needed before the Committee was in a position to make a recommendation.

2.4 The Committee **agreed** to request that the Officers provide more information before they made their recommendations. These included:

- Alternative models / options of CPE;
- Information on what similar Authorities have implemented and enforced the scheme;
- Whether there were more cost effective options available to address the problem;
- Implementation issues that the Council might face;
- Impact on CPE on parking issues – i.e. numbers of available parking in the city centre displacement to other areas from the city centre;
- The benefits and the disadvantages to taking on the scheme.

The Officers responses are attached to this report at **Appendix 1**.

2.5 The purpose of this meeting is to enable the Committee to consider the additional information requested above in relation to CPE and to discuss the issue of the Parking enforcement with a representative of the Police.

2.6 The Committee is asked to determine if it wishes to make a recommendation the Cabinet Member and Council on whether the Newport City Council should adopt Civil Enforcement Powers.

2.7 The remit of the Committee does not extend to the considerations of specific parking issues and concerns within Newport such as the types of parking restrictions in place on specific streets. It is focused on whether the overall issue of parking enforcement should be taken on by the Council and whether this would be beneficial when measured against the anticipated impact on budget and resources.

3 **Information Submitted to the Committee**

3.1 Attached at **Appendix 1** is a response from the Officers to the Committees' request for additional information.

3.2 Information in response to the Committees request for Information on what similar Authorities have implemented and enforced the scheme has been requested by NCC officers, and will be circulated to the Committee and available online to the public as soon as it is received.

3.2 The Committee has previously received the following documents in relation to CPE:

- [Newport City Council Civil Parking Enforcement \(CPE\) – Summary from Officers](#)
- [Newport Civil Parking Enforcement Review – Report by AECOM Consultants \(September 2016\)](#)

Members are asked to make use of the printed copies of these documents from the previous meetings papers. Additional copies are available by request.

4 **Suggested Areas of Focus**

4.1 It is suggested that the Committee focus on the additional information provided by the Officers while considering the minutes from the previous meeting a

- 4.2 The Committee might decide to focus on any areas of parking enforcement that the Police have specific knowledge of. This questioning might allow the Committee to develop more insight into the pre-existing pitfalls and problems of parking enforcement in Newport.

Section B – Supporting Information

5 Links to Council Policies and Priorities

- 5.1 The Officers have drawn links to the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act in their submission of evidence to Scrutiny.
- 5.2 The Council's Draft Corporate Plan 2017 – 2022. One of the Thriving City aims is to combat illegal parking through a step change in behaviour and enforcement.

6 Risks

- 6.1 There is a risk of Newport being without Parking Enforcement of any kind if the Cabinet Member and Council decide against adopting CPE.

7 Financial Implications

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| | Year 1 (Current) £ | Year 2 £ | Year 3 £ | Ongoing £ | Notes including budgets heads affected |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------|---|
| Costs (Income) | 588,073 1,386,204 (538,434) | 588,073 (610,359) | | | Operational Costs (p.a) Capital set up costs (One off) ** |
| Capital s (Savings) | | | | | |
| Net Impact on Budget | -19,655 | 22,286 | | | |

** The capital funding for the estimated set-up costs is currently shown on the basis of an internal Loan. If applied, the repayment method over a thirty year period, with a 2.35% interest charge, would impose an annual charge of £63,038 which would clearly put pressure on the sustainability of the scheme.

8 Background Papers

- 8.1 [Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee – 16 November 2017](#) (web link) – Minutes and agenda available online.