

Subject:	Parking Annual Report 2013-14		
Date of Meeting:	7 October 2014		
Report of:	Executive Director Environment, Development and Housing		
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FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1 To note and approve the publication of the fifth Parking Annual Report 2013-14 on the performance of Parking Services for submission to the Department for Transport, Traffic Penalty Tribunal and for general publication under the provisions of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Environment Transport and Sustainability Committee endorses the publication of the Parking Annual Report for 2013-14 under the provisions of the Traffic Management Act 2004.
- 2.2 That the Environment Transport and Sustainability Committee authorises the Head of Transport Operations to produce and publish the report which will be made available on the Council's website.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 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 required to produce and publish an annual report to the Department for Transport.
- 3.2 Parking Service's first Parking Annual Report 2008/9 was declared overall winner by the independent Parking Annual Report Review Group established by PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London). The report has been shortlisted for the award in every year since. Over forty councils submit their annual reports for the award, which was established to highlight best practice amongst Local Authorities in using the report to engage with the public on parking issues.

3.3 Copies of this year's Parking Annual Report will be sent to stakeholders including, Sussex Police, East Sussex Fire Brigade, The Traffic Penalty Tribunal, the Department for Transport and local parking special interest groups. The Parking Annual Report will also be published on the council's website.

3.4 This year's report provides an update on progress on a range of issues identified by the Citywide Parking Review. A wide range of statistical data is also provided in the review.

- 117,000 Penalty Charge Notices were issued in the year, a small increase on the 114,000 issued in the previous year, mainly due to the enforcement of new parking schemes
- the on street parking surplus was £11.4m (compared to £10.9m last year) The report explains how the surplus is spent on providing free bus passes to over 46,000 elderly and disabled residents, and transport related projects. Income increased by less than 1.5% (£271,000) and expenditure fell by 3.5% (£260,000) compared to the previous year.
- waiting lists for resident permits continue to fall with 394 residents waiting for a permit compared to 1,260 on the waiting list 4 years ago
- Over 10% of permit holders now pay half the cost of a permit as their vehicle entitles them to the low emission discount on the standard permit price.
- The phased introduction of the new Pay by Phone service as an alternative to using Pay and Display has been popular with residents and visitors alike. Over 30,000 residents have registered to use the service which already accounts for 10% of all on street parking payments

3.5 Where a surplus is generated, this is managed and spent in accordance with legal requirements under Section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended by the Traffic Management Act 2004. The reports provide details of how the surplus has been spent on working towards the council's Traffic Management Objectives. These include reducing congestion, managing demand, improving air quality (Brighton and Hove has an Air Quality Management Area for non-compliance with nitrogen dioxide (EU and English) limits and a drive towards sustainable transport. More details can be found in our Local Transport Plan as well our Parking Annual Report published on our website that illustrate where the surplus has been allocated to services and projects including:

- Concessionary Fares
- Supported Bus Routes
- More cycle parking
- Quality Bus Partnership Initiative
- Traffic control improvements
- Brighton station gateway
- Highway maintenance

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

4.1 No alternatives considered as there is a statutory requirement to produce a Parking Annual Report. The importance of the report in communicating parking policies to the public was recently highlighted by the Transport Select Committee.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The publication of the Parking Annual Report 2013-14 is being used as an opportunity to inform and engage with the public and stakeholders on a range of parking issues

6. CONCLUSION

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

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

The costs to produce and publish the Parking Annual Report will be funded from within the existing Transport revenue budget.

Finance Officer Consulted: Steven Bedford

Date: 24/09/2014

Legal Implications:

- 7.1 The City Council is required by statutory guidance issued by the Department for Transport under 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.

Lawyer Consulted: Katie Matthews

Date: 9/9/2014

Equalities Implications:

- 7.2 None identified

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.3 The report provides updates on council policies to encourage sustainable transport such as the low emissions permit discount, electric vehicle permits and provides figures for their take up.

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 7.4 To provide the public and stakeholders with information on the performance, aims and objectives of parking services and to meet the Council's legal

obligations under the Traffic Management Act 2004

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. The Parking Annual Report 2013-14