

## **Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 28 March 2018**

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### **Parking Strategy/Management & Traffic Management**

Throughout the year, the Traffic Management Team has investigated Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's) in 10 locations across the Borough. This has resulted in 4 TRO's being fully completed with the remainder very near completion and likely to be implemented during the first two months of the new financial year. The delay is predominantly due to issues relating to the transfer of the IT systems as well as the loss of one Traffic Engineer. Recruitment to the vacant post is underway. Three TRO's have been implemented relating to developments which have provided an income of £9000.

In addition to the permanent TROs the team has processed around 29 Temporary Traffic Orders relating to roadworks with an income in the region of £13,000.

The team have also processed around 56 applications for residents requesting a disabled parking bay and deployed speed monitoring equipment in approximately 35 locations to monitor speeding concerns across the Borough.

The new programme for 2018/2019 has been agreed and the Team can now commence the initial investigations to develop firm proposals for consultation.

The Parking Team are currently on a recruitment drive to fill vacancies within the Civil Enforcement Officers team. They have also undergone specialist

training and refresher training relating to the role of a CEO. This will ensure that the team are all trained to the same standard.

From April the CEO team will be wearing a new style of uniform which is now royal/navy blue. This has come about after receiving feedback that the colour was the same as the ambulance service

### **All Public Realm Enforcement**

Since April when HBC delegated certain litter enforcement powers to East Hampshire, EH Commercial services have issued 1935 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for littering. The primary littering witnessed by the officers is the dropping of cigarette ends. Nine FPNs have been issued for dog fouling - this figure includes one issued by a Neighbourhood Quality Officer - which is triple the amount issued in the previous year.

76% of the fixed penalty notices pursued are paid before court.

We are currently in negotiations to extend the contract for a further year.

### **Begging in Havant Town**

Following on from complaints of rough sleeping in Havant Town Centre, Hampshire County Council evicted the long term sleeper from West Street. While he now 'resides' elsewhere he continues to sit in the same spot and has been joined by another person. A third sits at the West Street entrance to Trafalgar walk.

These three males have been seen asking for donations of spare change - begging. One lives with a friend while the other two refuse support from Two Saints Housing, the council's homelessness outreach contractor.

Following complaints from residents, businesses and ward councillors Neighbourhood Quality Officers are reviewing enforcement options open to them and discussing these with Hampshire Police.

Officers will be speaking with anyone seen asking for money and checking that they are engaging with supporting agencies but pointing out that begging is unacceptable and action will be taken if it continues.

Officers will also be working with the existing Havant Homelessness Trust (run by the St Faiths ward churches) with a view to a scheme to encourage well-wishers to donate to that charity rather than individuals in the knowledge that it will not be used to support drug or alcohol addictions and keeping them on the street.

### **Waterlooville Precinct Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)**

A PSPO will be in place from 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018, making it a criminal offence to feed pigeons in the area of Waterlooville Precinct. Pigeons are having a negative impact on residents, businesses and visitors and despite efforts to educate individuals, those feeding pigeons continue to do so.

Officers will have a greater presence in Waterlooville Precinct during March/April 2018. They will be engaging with individuals witnessed to be feeding pigeons, making them aware of the PSPO and the impact their behaviour is having locally.