

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 4th December 2017

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Parking Strategy/Management & Traffic Management, shared parking review

Small Business Saturday took place on 2nd December. Residents enjoyed our offering of 3 hours free parking as has been customary over the last few years. This year we rolled out the free parking offering for the remaining Saturdays up to Christmas to encourage footfall in our district centres; hopefully, Councillors will take advantage of this offering and assist our small retailers at this important retail period.

The new Civil Enforcement Officers whose recruitment I announced in my last report are now in their third month of training and are beginning to complete solo patrols. New posters have been commissioned to assist with the recruitment process as there are remaining vacancies and these will be placed in our car parks. The posters (copies of which I am happy to circulate) are also aimed at public awareness of the role of the CEOs and the positive nature of their role in road safety.

We are considering the possibility of issuing PCNs via the post which is possible if an Officer is in the process of writing a ticket when the parking transgressor moves the vehicle. To do so requires a Regulation 10 Licence to be obtained and there is a cost. We need to consider carefully the value of obtaining the Licence both in terms of safety and value to the Council.

All Public Realm Enforcement (Rangers) including dog fouling and litter dropping

In my last report I advised that Officers were consulting residents and businesses in the Waterloo area regarding the nuisance caused by people feeding pigeons, particularly around London Road precinct. The Consultation ended on 30th October. Complaints were made to local Councillors from both businesses and residents regarding the nuisance caused as feeding results in pigeons roosting and massing together. Particular issues include shoppers pelted with pigeon mess and residents unable to use their balconies in summer time. Pigeons also have entered shops and residences causing distress. As a result of the Consultation the Neighbourhood Quality Team are developing a public space protection order (PSPO) to effectively ban the deliberate feeding of pigeons in particular by way of large quantities of bird seed in the area. The Consultation supported the proposed measure of a PSPO and we are looking for the PSPO to be in place by March 2018 with an enforcement plan and also a communication strategy currently being developed to be in place. Retailers and residents must also ensure that non-

deliberate sources of food are kept to a minimum and hopefully the nuisance will be abated.

As Councillors will be aware, litter enforcement in Havant Borough has been delivered since April 2017 by East Hants Commercial Services Limited following the end of the Kingdom contract. I can advise that in the time since EHCS have been delivering the service they have issued some 1,396 £80 fixed penalty notices for offences. The current payment rate for these notices prior to Court proceedings is 76% and therefore HBC has secured the objective of delivering litter enforcement as a cost neutral service under this new contractual arrangement.