

Recommendations of the Operations and Place Shaping Board - Civil Parking Enforcement - Revised Agency Agreement

At its meeting held on 19 March 2019, the Operations and Place Shaping Board was given the opportunity to consider and comment upon the Revised Agency Agreement with Hampshire County Council relating to car parking enforcement.

The Board received the initial findings of the Parking Scrutiny Panel following a meeting with the Interim Head of Service (Environmental Health, Parking & Traffic Management) and the Traffic Leader to discuss an earlier draft of the revised agreement. The Board also considered the Officer's report to be submitted to Cabinet on 20 March 2019.

The Interim Head of Service (Environmental Health, Parking and Traffic Management) presented the Cabinet report and answered any questions raised. The Cabinet Lead for Neighbourhoods, Safety and Enforcement, the Director for Operations and Neighbourhoods and Parking and Traffic Team Leader were also invited to join the meeting and answer any questions in relation to the reports

The discussion highlighted the need for a planned communication strategy to explain the changes in resident parking permit charges which will result if the proposed revised agreement was entered into.

During the scrutiny it was found that there was a contradiction in the wording of paragraphs 6.13 and 14.2 of the submitted revised agency agreement for the enforcement of parking control. The officers agreed to seek clarification on these paragraphs.

The Board considered that the advantages of retaining civil parking enforcement outweighed the disbenefits of the new arrangements.

RECOMMENDED that, based on the information available at the time of this meeting, the Board endorse the recommendations set out in the submitted Cabinet report subject to clarification on paragraphs 6.13 and 14.2 of the revised agency agreement.