

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
<b>Date:</b>	14 November 2017
<b>Title:</b>	Countywide Civil Parking Enforcement Services
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport approves establishing civil parking enforcement in Gosport.
- 1.2. That civil parking enforcement in Gosport will not be delegated through an Agency Agreement at present, but that preparations are made, and arrangements put in place for the County Council to implement and operate the core functions required.
- 1.3. That arrangements put in place to support civil parking enforcement in Gosport retain the option to be 'scaled up' to provide the capacity to cover other district/borough areas in the future if required.
- 1.4. That suitable temporary enforcement arrangements are put in place to provide an interim solution, prior to establishing civil parking enforcement in Gosport, and that authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport to make the necessary arrangements.
- 1.5. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, to implement proposals for areas of pay-and-display, on-street parking in Gosport to provide an appropriate mixture of on-street and off-street, paid for parking, to meet established County Council policy objectives.
- 1.6. That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport approves the termination of current district/borough council agency arrangement for civil parking enforcement and authorises the serving of appropriate notices for this change to come into effect no later than 1 April 2020, with alternative arrangements for a civil parking enforcement service put in place to provide

a consistent countywide service in accordance with County Council policy objectives.

- 1.7. That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport delegates authority to the Director of Economy Transport and Environment to work with District and Borough Councils to explore alternative arrangements for a consistent countywide civil parking enforcement service, with confirmation of decisions in respect of potential, revised agency agreements required by 1 April 2019 to allow sufficient time for alternative arrangements to be established.
- 1.8. That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport approves the development and implementation of a system for bus lane enforcement, as part of revisions to the enforcement service in the county.
- 1.9. That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport delegates authority to the Director of Economy Transport and Environment to put in place suitable temporary bus lane enforcement arrangements to provide an interim solution prior to establishing final countywide bus lane enforcement arrangements.

## **2. Reasons for the decision:**

- 2.1. Currently limited parking enforcement in Gosport is provided by a police Traffic Warden, jointly funded by the County Council and Gosport Borough Council. It is necessary to establish civil parking enforcement in Gosport to provide sufficient parking enforcement in the borough to prevent the road safety hazard and nuisance impact of drivers contravening parking, loading and unloading restrictions. It may be necessary to procure additional police resource as an interim measure to provide sufficient parking enforcement pending the introduction of civil parking enforcement, for which it may take a significant period to secure the necessary parliamentary approvals.
- 2.2. It is necessary to identify and implement limited areas of pay-and-display on-street parking, to provide an appropriate mixture of parking provision on-street and off-street to meet policy objectives.
- 2.3. Terminating the current civil parking enforcement agency arrangements is necessary to put in place a countywide policy. This is consistent with the department's wider Transformation programme, which recognises that earlier models of service delivery may not now represent best value in terms of customer outcomes.
- 2.4. It is necessary to implement a system for bus lane enforcement to prevent the road safety hazard of drivers contravening bus-only restrictions, and to support the policy objectives where poor compliance with restrictions reduces the effectiveness of measures. It may be necessary to put in place suitable temporary bus lane enforcement arrangements to provide an interim arrangement prior to establishing countywide bus lane enforcement.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. It would be possible to continue with the limited parking enforcement in Gosport provided by the police Traffic Warden, but this is rejected as it would not provide sufficient parking enforcement in the borough to prevent the road safety hazard and nuisance impact of drivers contravening parking, loading and unloading restrictions. It is also the case that Gosport is now the only district/borough area in Hampshire without civil parking enforcement.
- 3.2. It would be possible to continue with the current agency agreements for civil parking enforcement. This option is rejected as it would limit the scope to implement a consistent countywide parking enforcement approach.
- 3.3. It would be possible to continue without a system for bus lane enforcement in the county. This is rejected because it would not prevent the road safety hazard of drivers contravening bus-only restrictions, and could jeopardise policy objectives where poor compliance with restrictions reduces the effectiveness of measures. It is also the case that a system for bus lane enforcement may be scaled up in the future to support the enforcement of other moving traffic offences should Government implement part 6 of the Traffic Management Act.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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<b>Executive Member for Environment and Transport Councillor Rob Humby</b>	